

Recency of Education Policy

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The Master of Dietetics Administration (MDA) requires students have a current foundational knowledge of dietetics. The Recency of Education policy outlines the requirements for all prospective applicants to the MDA program.

Students must have a Verification Statement that is no more than 4 years old at time of application. If a prospective applicant's DPD Verification Statement is more than 4 years old at time of application, the prospective applicant can update coursework to meet recency requirements. Any coursework completed to meet recency requirements must follow the guidelines described below.

Updated Coursework Criteria:

- **Verification Statement older than 4 years:**
 - Medical Nutrition Therapy or Clinical Nutrition- 6 credit hours
- **Verification Statement older than 8 years:**
 - Medical Nutrition Therapy/Clinical Nutrition- 6 credit hours
 - Nutritional Biochemistry or Nutrient Metabolism- 3 credit hours
 - Foodservice Systems Management (FSSM)- 3 credit hours
 - Community/Public Health- 3 credit hours
- **All course(s) must be completed for credit with a letter grade regardless of DPD Verification Statement date.**

Documentation of the updated coursework must be included in the application. In some cases, work experience focused in a specific area (e.g. foodservice, community) may be counted in place of coursework. However, clinical work experience may not be substituted in place of coursework.

Prerequisite course work in place of DPD Verification Statement

In the case that an applicant is completing the list of prerequisite courses in place of a DPD Verification Statement, 6 credit hours of Medical Nutrition Therapy or Clinical Nutrition must be taken within the last 4 years and other prerequisite courses must have been taken within the last 8 years. Updating coursework should follow the same guidelines above.

Options for Updating Coursework

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics provides a listing for all accredited dietetic programs in the United States: <https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/accredited-programs/didactic-programs-in-dietetics>. Coursework can be taken on campus or in a distance format. The MDA encourages prospective applicants to contact the DPD program that issued their original DPD Verification Statement for additional information on updating required coursework.

Prospective applicants with updated coursework should contact the [MDA program director](#) to discuss their application prior to the application deadline.

Refer to the Utah State University Master of Dietetics Administration [website](#) for full program information.