

Application to the Purdue ISPP Pathway

The application process and selection criteria have been developed to assess the applicant's readiness for supervised practice as well as his/her potential to be successful in the ISPP and dietetics profession.

Admission Requirements for ISPP, Purdue University

Applicants with a DPD Verification Statement

OR

Applicants with a Doctoral Degree

are required to:

- Have received a Purdue[†] DPD Verification Statement within past 2 years or with director's approval, but no more than within the past 5 years[‡].
- Have earned at least a bachelor's degree granted by a U.S. regionally accredited college/university or foreign equivalent.
- Have applied for a dietetic internship in the past and not been matched; must provide proof of participation in matching, and not receive a match (Contact D&D Digital if you do not have a copy of the notification you received of not having a dietetic internship match)
- Have a GPA of 2.75 or above. Prefer a minimum of a C in all Nutrition Science courses

are required to:

- Provide transcript from colleges or universities where bachelor and doctoral degrees earned (and master's degree if applicable)
- Arrange meeting with ISPP director to determine which, if any, DPD knowledge requirements need to be met prior to applying to the ISPP

† Purdue University Interdepartmental Nutrition Program (INP) MS graduates who hold a DPD verification statement from another ACEND® -accredited DPD program are also eligible to apply for the Purdue ISPP if the other application requirements are met. Other interested applicants who hold a DPD verification statement from another ACEND® -accredited DPD program may apply with the director's approval if other application requirements are met. However, priority will be given to Purdue DPD graduates when space is limited.

‡ Applicants with DPD verification statements older than 5 years may still be eligible to apply, but additional coursework to update didactic knowledge will likely be required prior to applying to the ISPP.

All applicants are required to:

- Plan to complete the ISPP within 12 months of the start date for full time supervised practice schedule, or within 24 months of the start date for part time supervised practice schedule
- Complete all supervised practice rotations within the state of Indiana
- Have a variety of dietetics related work experience (e.g. healthcare, foodservice, and community)
- Submit two recommendations (one from current or previous place of employment)
- Have community service/ volunteer/ leadership experience
- Complete an application and personal statement. The personal statement is to address the following:
 - Why do you want to be a Registered Dietitian?
 - Describe your strengths and weaknesses or areas needing improvement.
 - Discuss experiences that have helped prepare you to become an RD.
 - What are your short-term and long-term goals?
- Provide official university/college transcript showing degree and date conferred (minimum bachelor's degree)
- Provide documentation of being unmatched for a dietetic internship through D & D digital (exception if you have a PhD)
- Provide original signed official DPD verification statement
- Secure an RD preceptor working in a hospital to host the applicant/intern for at least 240 hours (6 weeks full time) of MNT supervised practice for the MNT-II rotation. Interns are required to locate all of their preceptors and supervised practice sites, but only the MNT II preceptor needs to be secured for the application process.
- Interview (phone) with selection committee. The purpose of the interview is to ascertain the applicant's knowledge about and interest in dietetics as well as the potential for success in the field. The interview also enables the selection committee to assess the level of maturity, communication skills, poise, professional behavior, human relations skills, and the understanding of the rigors of the ISPP.
- The application is evaluated in its entirety by the selection committee. Areas of strength may compensate for weaker parts of the application.