

**REQUIREMENTS FOR REVIEW OF TRANSCRIPTS
& VERIFICATION OF COMPLETING
THE DIDACTIC PROGRAM IN DIETETICS [DPD] REQUIREMENTS
AT SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Didactic Program in Dietetics is Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education of The American Dietetic Association, 216 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL., 60606-6995, 312/899-4876.

At least 3 semesters before you intend to graduate, submit the following:

1. The completed application on page 3 of this document
2. An official transcript from each of the colleges/universities you attended must be included.
3. A catalog description of ALL coursework or a course syllabus must accompany all transcripts from colleges/universities other than SDSU, San Diego District Community Colleges, Grossmont, Miracosta and Palomar District Community Colleges.
4. Students with degrees from institutions not located in the United States of America, must have their transcripts reviewed by one of the services listed below. An Official Review Document must be obtained before Verification review will commence.

Credentials Evaluation Services, Inc.
P. O. Box 66940
Los Angeles, CA 90066

Education Credential Evaluators, Inc.
P. O. Box 92970
Milwaukee, WI 53202-0970

International Consultants of Delaware, Inc
914 Pick Lane
Newark, DE 19711

Josef Silny & Associates
International Education Consultants
P. O. Box 248233
Coral Gables, FL 33124

World Education Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 745
Old Chelsea Station
New York, NY
10011

5. **A letter grade of "C" or better must be attained in each and every DPD required course.**
6. A **minimum of six** semester hours must be taken in Foods and Nutrition courses from the SDSU Didactic Program in Dietetics before a verification statement will be awarded.

Please note that SDSU is the institution verifying and recommending you to ADA. Therefore, we need to feel confident in your academic preparation. This requirement is independent of whether or not you need to take additional courses to meet DPD requirements. Should you feel it unnecessary to take additional courses at SDSU, the Foods and Nutrition faculty recommend that you contact the institution where you earned your previous degrees for a "Verification Statement".

7. **An overall GPA of 2.7 and a GPA of at least 2.9 in all DPD courses is required.** Your file must contain Official Transcripts from all institutions you attended to document that you **meet** the GPA requirements. Verification Statements will not be released without receipt of Official Transcripts. **You must have earned a bachelor's degree at SDSU or at another institution.**

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DEPARTMENT OF EXERCISE AND NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES**

General Information:

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Return your completed packet to the address below. Include the REQUEST FOR ADMISSION TO THE DPD FORM found on page three of this document. Allow at least four weeks for processing, during the academic year [September-May]. Processing over winter break [January] and in the summer [June-August] may take longer. If the information you provide is incomplete or transcripts are not available, your evaluation will be delayed.

If you are not currently enrolled in the B.S. degree in Foods and Nutrition at SDSU, a fee is charged for evaluation of your transcripts to determine which courses meet DPD requirements. This non-refundable fee must be paid before the application will be reviewed and must accompany the packet of information you send. Please make your check payable to: SDSU. The fee is based on the following schedule:

Applicant Category	Fee to Initiate
Non-currently enrolled SDSU student or graduate of other U.S. institution	\$75.00
All foreign degree recipients	\$100.00

When the initial evaluation is complete, you will receive a letter stating whether or not you need to take additional course work for verification. If you wish to discuss the Verification evaluation, contact Joan Rupp. Voice mail: (760) 436-6162; email: rupp@mail.sdsu.edu .

Reciprocity

The American Dietetic Association has reciprocity agreements with some countries that allow graduates with appropriate credentials to take the American Registration Examination and conversely American Registered Dietitians may sit for similar examinations in those countries. As reciprocity agreements are constantly being established, please check with the DPD Director for current information, if you have a degree in Foods and Nutrition from a foreign country.

Send your packet of materials for review to:

**Joan W. Rupp, MS, RD
Didactic Program in Dietetics
Department of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences
San Diego State University
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-7251**

