

Graduation and Program Completion Requirements for Verification Statements

Completion of a minimum of 32 course credits to include general education and major (and minor, if any) requirements per the Course Residency Policy, as well as earn an overall minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 for the Baccalaureate Degree.

The Coordinated Program in Dietetics (CPD) is intended to be a two-year program once accepted and shall be completed within a 3-year maximum time from the start date. At least 80% of students complete program requirements within 3 years (150% of the planned program length).

Effective Spring 2021, the CPD is offered within a BS/MS 4+1 program that includes completion of a BS after 4 years (32 course-credits) and completion of an MS upon successful completion of 10 graduate course-credits in the program by the 5th year. Per DGCE policy, the CPD 4+1 students must complete the master's degree requirements within **six (6) years** from the end of the semester in which the student is first matriculated in a master's program. MS-CPD students must complete the degree program requirements within **eight (8) years** from the end of the semester in which the student is first matriculated in the master's program. Students must also maintain [satisfactory academic progress](#) per the graduate school standards.

Verification of completion of dietetics programs is the method used by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®) to ensure academic and supervised practice requirements for membership in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics or Commission on Dietetic Registration eligibility for the Registration Examination for Dietitian Nutritionist have been met.

Verification Statements are used when graduates apply to take the national Registration Examination for Dietitians and state licensure. Verification Statements are only provided for CPD students who have:

- completed a minimum B.S. degree and a master's degree,
- completed all specified program courses according to the University catalog under which the student has matriculated
 - For the BS degree, at least 8 courses must have been taken at FSU, with 5 courses within the major and 3 within the minor.
 - Met all KRDNs/CRDNs for RDNs
- met CPD maintenance policies,
- attended the following mandatory classes with the CPD Director: Resume writing, "RDN Prep Workshop" that includes the Professional Portfolio Development (2 classes)
- attended the Career Services classes
- attended the Pediatric Nutrition 2-day workshop at Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA
- passed the ServSafe exam given in NUTR 384/884 Foodservice Systems prior to Foodservice Practicum.
- Refer to the CPD Handbook of Policies regarding credit for prior work experience.