What is a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD)?

- A DPD is an undergraduate program that has been accredited by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to grant a BS in dietetics.
- DPDs provide the courses needed to apply for a dietetic internship, which is required to become a registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN).

How Do You Get into a DPD?

- Before applying to the DPD program, **you must complete** a series of prerequisite courses and earn acceptable grades:
  - At ISU the courses include the school’s general education requirement courses, as well as science and math classes—go to www.isu.edu/bs-dietetics to view the list of perquisite courses.
  - GPA of 3.0 or above (accumulative) on a 4.0 scale in both required prerequisite courses and professional courses.
  - GPA of C- or higher on several basic sciences, food, nutrition and English classes.
- Students typically apply one year before they want to start the DPD.
- However, applicants are considered for placement either the upcoming academic year or the following year depending upon anticipated year of graduation.
- Accepted students are notified of which year they are scheduled to take the Medical Nutrition Therapy classes.

The ISU DPD is planned for completion in 8 semesters or 4 academic years with a minimum of 120 credit hours.

**Interested? Schedule a meeting with the DPD Director to learn more about the profession, program requirements and course completion plan.**
How do You Apply to the ISU DPD?

- Applications are due by February 15
- The application package includes:
  - Completed DPD Application Form (download from isu.edu/bs-dietetics)
  - Personal letter stating your reasons for choosing a career in dietetics and professional goals
  - If you are not an ISU student or the courses are not on your ISU transcript, official transcripts must be submitted from all colleges and universities attended
  - $25 non-refundable application fee (make check payable to the ISU Dietetic Programs)

Put all materials together in one large envelope and mail to:

DPD Director
Idaho State University
921 South 8th Avenue, Stop 8117
Pocatello, ID 83209-8117

Then What?

- Applications are reviewed by a committee of Dietetic Programs faculty
- The following criteria are considered:
  - Accumulative GPA in both required prerequisite courses and professional courses completed
  - Honors / activities
  - Volunteer / work experience
  - Written letter of application
- Students are informed in the spring of the admission decisions
- Due to the limited number of seats, achievement of minimum standards does not ensure admission