

**LEHMAN COLLEGE
OF THE
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES

CURRICULUM CHANGE

Name of Program and Degree Award: Dietetics, Foods, and Nutrition, B.S.

Hegis Number: 1306.00

Program Code: 82141

Effective Term: Spring 2015

1. **Type of Change:** Change in major program requirements

2. **From:**

Dietetics, Foods, and Nutrition, B.S. (54-61.5 Credit Major)

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ACEND-accredited dietetic internship (DI), which enables the student to become eligible to take the examination in dietetics to become a registered dietitian (RD) or RDN (Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist). Fieldwork and laboratory experiences are important components of the curriculum and are planned to integrate didactic instruction with supervised practice.

An application to declare the Didactic Program in Dietetics (Didactic Program in Dietetics, DFN major Option I) is required. The application can be downloaded here and must be submitted to the DPD director by the semester prior to acceptance and entry into the major: December 1st for entry in the Spring semester and April 1st for entry in the Fall semester. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for admittance into the DPD. Students applying for acceptance into the DPD may be required to take a pre-entry examination to assess aptitude for the program. For further information, please see the DPD Handbook. Students who are not accepted into Option I may elect to major in DFN Option II.

4. **Rationale:**

ACEND, the accrediting organization for the DPD, is requiring the declaration and maintenance of a maximum enrollment limit for the program. In order to comply with this new requirement, the DPD must select students from a large pool of applicants. Current majors number 275, our maximum enrollment is planned at 150. Students who do not make the cut into Option I are allowed into Option II. Thus there is not going to be a change in enrollment in DFN, just a shift of option from I to II.

5. **Date of departmental approval:** 3/26/2014