

Procedure for Designating an Option in Nutrition
University of New Hampshire
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Students majoring in Nutrition at UNH are required to choose, and be formally admitted into, one of the following options: **Dietetics, Nutritional Sciences, or Nutrition and Wellness**. Option descriptions can be found at nutrition.unh.edu. Nutrition majors designate an option once they have successfully completed: 1) NUTR 400, 2) NUTR 401, & 3) BMS 507 or CHEM 403.

Process Overview

- Typically, a student will choose an option during the second semester of their freshman year. Students admitted Fall 2016 or later are required to choose no later than the Spring semester of their sophomore year. The semester deadlines for choosing an option in Nutrition are either February 15th or September 15th.
- To designate an option, the student must complete an Application Packet. The Application Packet includes: (1) completed Cover Sheet, (2) personal statement (300-500 typed words) describing why the student wishes to pursue his/her chosen option, and (3) an unofficial transcript from UNH and/or other institutions. If you completed an equivalent of NUTR 400, BMS 507 or CHEM 403 at another institution, you must include those transcripts.
- Students must submit a copy of the stapled Application Packet to Celeste Dietterle (Kendall 203) before 4 p.m. on either February 15th or September 15th. No late or electronic applications will be accepted.
- Completed Application Packets will be reviewed by the Nutrition Faculty; students will be notified of the outcome no later than October 15th for fall semester applicants and March 15th for spring semester applicants.

Information for Students Interested in the Dietetics Option

- Admission into the Dietetics option is competitive. Due to programmatic constraints and capacity limitations, **meeting all admission criteria does not guarantee admission into Dietetics**.
- Students who wish to pursue the Dietetics option must meet the following **minimum** criteria to be considered for admission:
 - Cumulative GPA ≥ 3.2 (for students admitted prior to Fall 2016, cumulative GPA ≥ 3.0 is acceptable.)
 - Completion of the following courses and acceptable grade in each:

Course	Acceptable Grade
NUTR 400: <i>Nutrition in Health and Well Being</i>	$\geq B$
NUTR 401: <i>Professional Perspectives in Nutrition</i>	Credit
BMS 507: <i>Human Anatomy & Physiology I</i> OR CHEM 403: <i>General Chemistry I (or CHEM 411 for students admitted before Fall 16)</i>	$\geq C+$

- Students admitted to the *Dietetics* option must maintain a cumulative GPA of ≥ 3.2 (or ≥ 3.0 for students admitted prior to Fall 2016). Students whose cumulative GPA falls below the minimum will be placed on probation for one semester. If, after the probationary semester, the GPA does not improve to the minimum GPA the student will be required to select another option in Nutrition or another academic program.

Other Information

- To fulfill degree requirements, NUTR students must earn $\geq C-$ in all required NUTR (Nutrition) courses.
- Students interested in changing options (after initial declaration) must submit a new application; the deadlines for applications are September 15th and February 15th. **Please note that students admitted Fall 2016 and beyond cannot change to the Dietetics option after the Spring semester of their sophomore year.**

Cover Sheet
Request to Declare an Option
UNH Nutrition Program



Name: _____ UNH ID #: _____

Year and Semester that you started at UNH: _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Current Status (circle): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

I would like to be considered for admittance into the following Option:

_____ Dietetics _____ Nutrition & Wellness _____ Nutritional Sciences

Please indicate completion of the following courses:

Course	Grade	Semester & Year Completed (Example: <i>Fall 2011</i>)
NUTR 400		
NUTR 401		
BMS 507		
CHEM 403		

I am currently enrolled in the following courses:

Current Registration	
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____