Through the Office of Career Services, food and nutrition students graduating from YSU typically have the opportunity to interview on campus with numerous prospective employers. Annual starting salaries generally meet or exceed the national average for entry-level positions.

**Degree Options**

The Department of Human Ecology offers three undergraduate programs in food and nutrition/dietetics:

- **The didactic program in dietetics (DPD)** is a four-year program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Applied Science degree. Graduates then need to obtain supervised practical experience by completing a CADE-accredited dietetic internship. Then they will be eligible to take the registration examination for dietitians to become credentialed as RDs, registered dietitians.

- **The coordinated program in dietetics (CPD)** is a four-year program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Applied Science degree. The CPD combines classroom and supervised practice experience. Graduates are eligible to take the registration examination for dietitians to become credentialed as RDs, registered dietitians. Admission to the program is restricted to a maximum of 14 junior students per year.

**Employment Opportunities**

Nutrition professionals find employment opportunities in the following areas:

- Community Health Agencies
- Corporate Wellness Programs
- Correctional Facilities
- Education
- Extended Care Facilities
- Food and Nutrition-related Businesses and Industries
- Sports Nutrition
- Food Companies
- Hospitals
- Hotels and Restaurants
- Management
- Private Practice
- Public and Private School Systems
- Research Programs
- Wellness Centers

For more information about this program, go to [www.ysu.edu](http://www.ysu.edu), click on Colleges, then Bitonte College of Health and Human Services

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University study. Because of the diversity of the curriculum, students have the opportunity to study with a large number of expert faculty from several departments. In addition to fulfilling teaching and counseling commitments to students, faculty members remain current in their areas of specialization through professional literature and conferences. Part-time faculty bring expertise from their current experiences in the field.

Accreditation
The dietetic technician program, didactic program in dietetics, and coordinated program in dietetics of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services are professionally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE) of the American Dietetic Association.

Youngstown State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association.

Facilities
Cushwa Hall is home to the dietetics programs and houses classrooms, laboratories, conference rooms, an extensive collection of print and non-print audio/visual materials, and computer terminals.

Professional and Honorary Societies
Food and nutrition/dietetic students are encouraged to acquire membership and participate in Students in Dietetics and the Hospitality Management Society. These organizations are sponsored by the Department of Human Ecology and provide opportunities to attend local, state, and national meetings of professional dietitians and to participate in nutrition-related projects in the community.

Membership in The American Dietetic Association is strongly promoted.

Outstanding dietetics students may be elected to campus chapters of Kappa Omicron Nu (national honor society for Family and Consumer Sciences), Eta Sigma Gamma (national health education honorary society), Phi Kappa Phi (honorary society for all disciplines), Alpha Lambda Delta (freshman honorary society), and Golden Key.

Special Scholarships and Awards
Students in the Human Ecology Department are eligible for the Ilajean Feldmiller Scholarship, Margaret C. Horvath Professional Fund, Mary J. Beaubien Alumni Scholarship, and other scholarships offered by the Department, the College and various local, state and national associations. Each year one graduating senior is chosen by the faculty as the outstanding human ecology student.

Curriculum Overview
For the dietetic technician program
First Year
- Anatomy & Physiology/Lab
- Human Ecology Professions
- Food Science & Management Principles/Lab
- Normal Nutrition
- Organization & Management
- Food Systems: Operation, Production and Service/Lab
- Nutrition Assessment Lab

Second Year
- Allied Health Chemistry/Lab
- Microbiology/Health Professions/Lab
- Medical Nutrition Therapy 1/Lab
- Food Systems: Supervised Practice
- Financial Accounting
- Medical Nutrition Therapy Supervised Practice
- DT Practicum
- Seminar

For the didactic program in dietetics (DPD)
First Year
- Anatomy & Physiology/Lab
- Human Ecology Professions
- Food Science & Management Principles/Lab
- Normal Nutrition/Lab
- Anatomy & Physiology/Lab
- Fundamentals of Sociology
- Food Systems: Operations/Production/Service & Lab

Second Year
- Allied Health Chemistry/Lab
- Microbiology Health Professions/Lab
- Diet Therapy/Lab
- General Psychology
- Business Computer Systems
- Allied Health Chemistry/Lab
- Financial Accounting
- Educational Psychology
- Individual & Family Development

Third Year
- Chemistry
- Adv. Normal Nutrition
- Clinical Nutrition 1
- Economics
- Survey of Math
- Clinical Nutrition 2
- Experimental Foods/Lab
- Research Methods
- Fundamentals of Management

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Fourth Year
- Foodservice Systems Management
- Community Nutrition
- Maternal & Child Nutrition
- Nutrition & Aging
- Communication of Contemporary Issues
- DPD Capstone

For the coordinated program in dietetics (CPD)

Third Year
- Nutritional Biochemistry Lab
- Advanced Nutrition
- Clinical Nutrition 1/Lab
- Survey of Math
- Clinical Nutrition 2/Lab
- Experimental Foods/Lab
- Research Methods in Dietetics/Lab
- Fundamentals of Management

Fourth Year
- Foodservice Systems Management/Lab
- Community Nutrition/Lab
- Maternal & Child Nutrition/Lab
- Nutrition & Aging/Lab
- Communication of Contemporary Issues
- Practicum in Dietetics