

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degrees

Students seeking an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree from Normandale Community College must successfully complete the degree requirements determined by the specific program, which include 20 credits from at least three MnTC Goal areas.

Other Graduation Requirements:

- Complete the specific degree requirements.
- Earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 or higher for college-level coursework completed at Normandale.
- Earn a minimum of 20 college level credits at Normandale.

Dietetic Technology (AAS)

Dietetic Technology Program Accreditation

The Dietetic Technology program has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education of the American Dietetic Association, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, 312-899-0040 Ext. 5400.

The dietetic technician is a trained food and nutrition professional who plays a key role in providing quality, cost-effective nutrition care and food service management. Graduates are prepared to work in partnership with a registered dietitian in a variety of settings such as hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, schools, community health programs, food companies and wellness centers.

The curriculum is based on CADE 2008 Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards. The specialized curriculum consists of 10 courses totaling 33 credits, plus a Serv-Safe Sanitation Certificate course. The fast-track program allows students to complete the specialized courses in one year as a full-time student or two years as a part-time student. The program director can individualize plans for students with special concerns.

After successfully completing the graduation requirements for the AAS degree, the student will

receive a Verification Statement and is eligible to write the Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians given by Commission on Dietetic Registrations (CDR). Successful completion of this exam earns the examinee the Dietetic Technician Registered (DTR) credential.

Articulation

Students who complete the AAS degree in Dietetic Technology may move seamlessly to Minnesota State University, Mankato or University of Wisconsin-Stout to complete the baccalaureate level registered dietitian program.

Program Costs

- Tuition: Consult the current class schedule
- Books: \$400 to \$500 per semester
- Lab Coat, Misc.: Approximately \$40.00
- Student memberships: ADA \$43.00 (recommended)
- Attendance at meetings: \$50 - \$100

Application Process

- Applicants new to Normandale will complete the Normandale Community College general application form, indicate "Dietetic Technology" as your preference and include \$20 application fee. For more application details, students are encouraged to request a copy of our Frequently Asked Questions.
- Submit the completed Normandale Health Sciences Dietetic Technology application to the Health Science Enrollment Manager. Completed applications for this "fast track" program will be accepted October 15 through June 15 for the next year's class. For more application details, students are encouraged to request a copy of our Frequently Asked Questions.

Information Sessions

Health Science Information Sessions are offered every week. For additional information, contact the Admissions Office at 952-487-8210 or visit our website at www.normandale.edu/visit/.

For an overview of this career regarding skills,



abilities, knowledge, wages, benefits and job outlook, visit Minnesota's gateway to career, education, employment and business information, at www.iseek.org.

The Dietetic Technology Program offers the Specialized Degree courses as a one-year curriculum. Students desiring to enter the program must have completed the General Education requirements as listed below. Students desiring a part-time option should contact Krista Jordheim at 952-487-8374.

Note: A grade of C or higher is required for all prerequisite coursework for Dietetic Technology.

General Education Requirements: (33-37 cr)

BIOL 1102*	Human Biology (4)
CHEM 1020*	Survey of Chemistry (waived with one year of high school chemistry with a grade C or higher; documentation required) (4)
ENG 1101*	English Composition (4)
CAPL 1100*	Computer Appl (or petition) (3)
PSYC 1110	General Psychology (4)
SOC 1104	Introduction to Sociology (3)
COMM 1111*	Interpersonal Communication (3)
BUSN 2100*	Human Rel/Effective Teams (3)
-OR BUSN 2200*	Human Resource Management (3)
HLTH 1107*	Principles of Nutrition (3)
ENG 1102*	Technical Writing (3)

Complete at least 3 cr from MnTC Goal 6

* Must be completed prior to beginning Year Two.

** Not required with one year of high school chemistry, documentation required.

**Specialized Degree Requirements
(Year Two, taken at Normandale): (33 cr)**

Fall Semester: (15 cr)

DIET 1101	Introduction to Profession of Dietetics (2)
DIET 1110	Life Cycle Nutrition (3)
DIET 1154	Clinical Nutrition Tools (4)
DIET 1269	Food Systems Management (3)
DIET 1271	Clinical Exp I- Food Service Management (3)
Serv-Safe Sanitation:	8-hour certificate course from Community Health Department (0)

Spring Semester: (15 cr)

DIET 2145	Experimental Foods (3)
DIET 2259	Medical Nutrition Therapy (6)
DIET 2261	Clinical Exp II-Med Nutrition Therapy (4)
DIET 2270	Community Nutrition: Political/Cultural Concerns (2)

Summer Session: (3 cr)

DIET 2272	Clinical Exp III - Community Nutrition as arranged
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