

Guide to the Supervised Practice Application Process & Preselect Information

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DIDACTIC PROGRAM IN DIETETICS (DPD)

A Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) grants at least a bachelor's degree (some grant a Master's degree) and is ACEND-accredited for only the required dietetics coursework. After you complete DPD requirements, you will then need to apply for, and be accepted into, an ACEND-accredited supervised practice program (e.g., Dietetic Internship) to complete the supervised practical experience required to be a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN). You must successfully complete an accredited supervised practice program and obtain a Verification Statement from the supervised practice program director in order to be eligible to sit for the CDR registration examination. In addition, **beginning January 2024, all individuals who take the national registration exam MUST have a minimum of a Master's degree.** Currently, this degree can be in any field of study.

Currently, there are more than 200 ACEND-accredited DPDs and more than 250 ACEND-accredited DIs in the United States. Other supervised practice programs include Individualized Supervised Practice Pathways (ISSPs), Distance Dietetic Internship Programs, and Dual Master's Degree/Dietetic Internship Programs.

INFORMATION ABOUT PROGRAMS

<http://www.eatrightpro.org/resources/acend/accredited-programs>

The screenshot shows the ACEND website. The sidebar on the left contains the following navigation items:

- About ACEND
- Accreditation Standards, Fees and Policies
- Accredited Programs
 - Coordinated Programs in Dietetics (CP)
 - Didactic Programs in Dietetics (DPD)
 - Dietetic Internships (DI)
 - Dietetic Technician Programs (DT)
 - International Programs
- Accreditation Process
- Public Notices and Announcements
- Students and

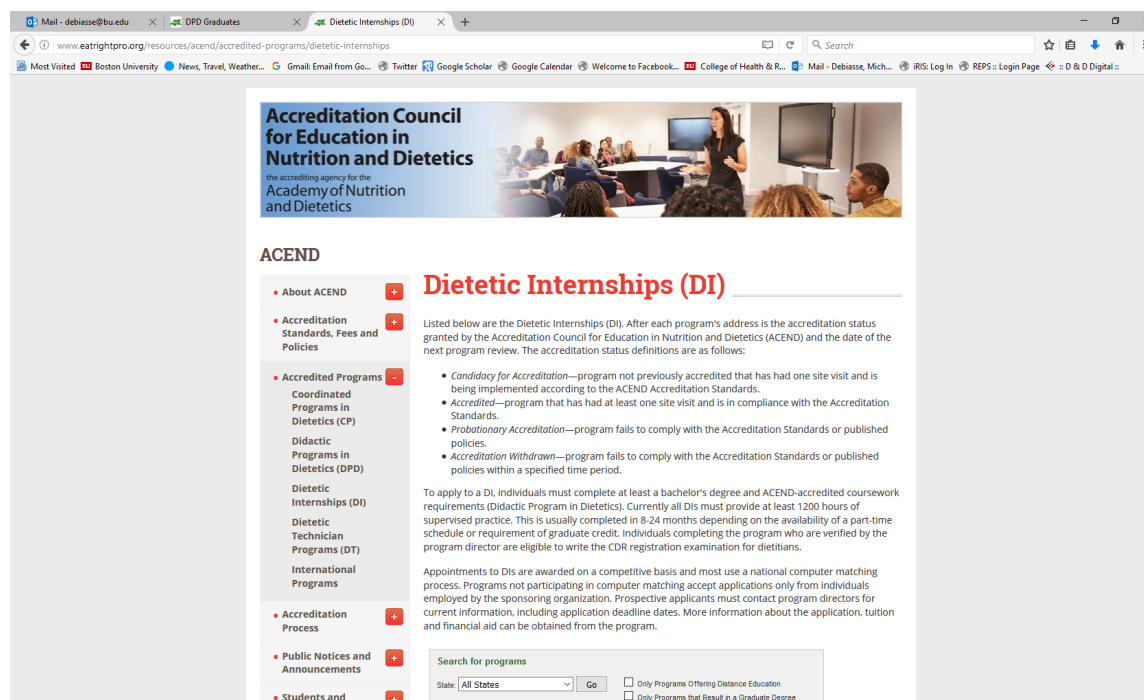
The main content area is titled "Accredited Programs" and includes the following information:

Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN)

- Coordinated Programs in Dietetics (CPD)**: Bachelor's and graduate level — dietitian coursework and supervised practice for RDN eligibility (combined program)
- OR**
- Didactic Programs in Dietetics (DPD)**: Bachelor's and graduate level — dietitian coursework only (must be completed before the Dietetic Internship required for RDN eligibility)
- PLUS**
- Dietetic Internships (DI)**: Post bachelor's — supervised practice only for RDN eligibility (must complete RPD and at least a bachelor's degree)

Nutrition and Dietetic Technicians, Registered (NDTR)

- Nutrition and Dietetic Technician Programs (DTP)**: Associate's degree — DT coursework and supervised practice for NDTR eligibility



VERIFICATION STATEMENTS vs. DECLARATION OF INTENT TO COMPLETE

A signed Verification Statement is a document that “proves” you have completed all of the requirements for your Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®) – accredited DPD program. The signed verification statement allows you to establish eligibility for a supervised practice program (e.g., Dietetic Internship). The completion of ACEND® DPD requirements and at least a Bachelor's degree from a U.S. regionally accredited college/university or foreign equivalent are necessary for eligibility to enter an ACEND® - accredited supervised practice programs. When the Director of a Didactic Program in Dietetics signs a Verification Statement, she/he also is verifying that the individual has completed at least a baccalaureate degree from a U.S. regionally accredited college/university or foreign equivalent.

Verification Statements can be signed only by current program directors of ACEND®-accredited dietetics education programs in an ink color other than black.

For students earning their baccalaureate degree, Verification Statements will be issued only when you have completed your ACEND®-accredited Didactic Program requirements and the registrar has cleared you for graduation, which indicates that all degree requirements also have been completed.

Program directors are responsible for evaluating transcripts or prior experience and determining coursework and/or supervised experiences students must complete to fulfill current curriculum requirements for their program. Because coursework and/or supervised practice experiences needed to complete program requirements may vary from program to program, students must complete the **current requirements** of the program from which they will receive the Verification Statement. For this reason, I may send you a DPD course list form (see below) which may either include some courses you

have not taken, or not contain courses you have taken. If this is the case, please let me know and I will advise you on how to complete the form.

For most of you, you will NOT have graduated at the time you will need a Verification Statement (i.e., when you're applying to supervised practice programs). In cases where you have NOT completed either DPD or degree course requirements, you will NOT request a Verification Statement. Rather, you will request that I complete an "Intent to Complete" form. This form is filled in with the coursework you have yet to complete for both your DPD and your degree requirements and when you are expected to complete them. I work with your academic advisor to complete this form for your application. You will still need to upload the DPD course list form, just indicating that you have yet to complete any/all DPD coursework still remaining. This form is adequate to complete your DICAS application.

IMPORTANT: Once you finish your DPD and degree coursework, you will still need me to complete a Verification Statement as this is the only document that will allow you to officially enter into your supervised practice program. You must alert me when you need this form, and I will complete it for you.

APPLYING TO SUPERVISED PRACTICE PROGRAMS THROUGH THE MATCH

The Dietetic Internship Match is a computer-based method that provides an orderly and fair way to match the preferences of applicants for Dietetic Internships (DIs) with the preferences of DI program directors. The Academy contracts with a company called D&D Digital to operate the DI Match and help applicants obtain an internship (supervised practice position).

If you have completed a minimum of a bachelor's degree at a US regionally accredited university or college and course work accredited by ACEND, you are eligible to participate in the Dietetic Internship Match:

- Complete an application for the internship through the Dietetic Internship Central Application Service (DICAS). There is no limit on the number of DI programs that students can apply to through DICAS. However, each program must be prioritized during the next stage of the process. If the DI program you are interested in does not appear in the DICAS, check the DI program's website for directions on how to apply or contact the DI program director.
- Register for the DI match through [D&D Digital](#). This step allows you to create, edit and verify the priorities for your choices of internships. Some programs do not participate in the match. This is because they only accept applications from students who are employed by that sponsoring institution.

Through the DICAS, program directors can access applications from interested applicants; however, they cannot see the information about the priorities of the choices. The programs only see the application from applicants who applied to their programs. The program director and other staff from each Dietetic Internship program screen applications and submit rankings for acceptable applicants, as well as indicating their maximum class size.

Registration for the Spring match is open from Dec 1 through February 15 (usually) for Internships that start in April.

Registration for the Fall match is open from July 1 through September 25 (usually) for Internships that start in January.

Refer to the Matching Timeline for a detailed list of important dates and times. Note: A new registration is required for each Spring or Fall matching period.

If you have questions about the centralized application, please contact DICAS customer support at 617/612-2855 or dicasinfo@dicas.org.

If you need assistance with computer matching, please contact D&D Digital customer support at 515/292-0490 or dnd@sigler.com.

DICAS

<https://portal.dicas.org/>

DICAS is the site where you complete the *standard application form*. All supervised practice programs participating in the Match process use the DICAS application.

The standard elements of the DICAS application are:

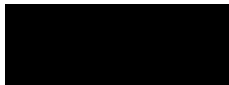
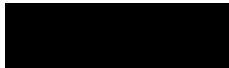
- General application
- Personal statement
- Resume
- US transcripts (official copies!)
- Letters of recommendation (3)
- GRE scores/TOEFL scores
- Verification Statement/Intent to Complete
- DPD Course List Form (obtained from PD and corresponds to date you entered the program)
- Fee (based upon # of sites applied to)

NOTE: Some programs have additional information they would like you to include and/or may ask for a different personal statement than the standard – BE ON YOUR TOES!

Sample DICAS application (See below)



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Boston University College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College
Department of Health Sciences
Programs in Nutrition



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Tests	
GRE	TOEFL

Summary of Dietetic Program Director
DPD Contact Information
<u>First Name:</u> Michele
<u>Last Name:</u> Debiasse
<u>Email Address:</u> debiasse@bu.edu
<u>Document:</u> Verification Statement
<u>Status:</u>
Verification statement, verified on 12/14/2017

Awards, Experience & Volunteer Activities
HONORS AND AWARDS

Personal Statements

Resume
<u>Date Uploaded:</u> 12-14-2017
<u>File Name:</u> 20182263287-CV.pdf

References
I hereby give DICAS permission to contact the reference below via email notification. If my reference does not submit an online reference form to DICAS in response to the email request, it is my sole responsibility to contact the reference directly to ensure all references required by my designated Internship Programs are received by the deadline: Yes
Yes



I hereby give permission to the internship program to which I am applying to contact the Reference either to verify the information I provided and/or for further clarification of the information I provided, if necessary.:

Request Type: Electronic Middle Name: M.
Title: Ms. Email Address: kmogensen@bwh.harvard.edu
First Name: Kris Phone: 1-617-732-3500x11049
Last Name: Mogensen

I hereby give DICAS permission to contact the reference below via email notification. If my reference does not submit an online reference form to DICAS in response to the email request, it is my sole responsibility to contact the reference directly to ensure all references required by my designated Internship Programs are received by the deadline.: Yes

I hereby give permission to the internship program to which I am applying to contact the Reference either to verify the information I provided and/or for further clarification of the information I provided, if necessary.: Yes

Request Type: Electronic Middle Name: A
Title: Dr. Email Address: paulaq@bu.edu
First Name: Paula Phone: 617-353-5797
Last Name: Quatromoni

I hereby give DICAS permission to contact the reference below via email notification. If my reference does not submit an online reference form to DICAS in response to the email request, it is my sole responsibility to contact the reference directly to ensure all references required by my designated Internship Programs are received by the deadline.: Yes

I hereby give permission to the internship program to which I am applying to contact the Reference either to verify the information I provided and/or for further clarification of the information I provided, if necessary.: Yes

Request Type: Electronic Middle Name:
Title: Dr. Email Address: ljacobs@bu.edu
First Name: Karen Phone: 1-617-353-7326
Last Name: Jacobs

Application Certification

Designations

Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) courses

DPD Professional Courses	DPD Science Courses
SAR HS 251 Human Nutrition Science	CAS CH 171 General Chemistry
SAR HS 281 Life Cycle Nutrition	CAS CH 174 Organic Chemistry
SAR HS 366 Community Nutrition	CAS CH 373 Biochemistry
SAR HS 384 Medical Nutrition Therapy I	CAS BI 107 Biology I
SAR HS 385 Medical Nutrition Therapy II	CAS BI 108 Biology II
SAR HS 467 Nutrition Research	CAS BI 114 Human Infectious Diseases
SAR HS 486 Applied Nutrition Care	CAS MA 115 Statistics I
SAR HS 488 Applied Nutrition Counseling	CAS MA 116 Statistics II
SAR HS 230 Food Science	CAS BI 211 Human Physiology
SAR HS 310 Managing Food & Nutrition Svcs	CAS PS 101 General Psychology
QST SM 101 Intro to Business	CAS WR 120 Writing Seminar

Screen shot of DICAS application where you request either Verification Statement or Declaration of Intent from Program Director

Jay Fatturo [DICAS ID: 20162203267]

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Application > DPD Contact Information

[INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS SECTION](#)

If you are not applying to an internship in the current cycle, do not submit your request for a declaration of intent. Wait for the start of the new cycle to submit your declaration of intent to your DPD director.

Do not submit this request to your DI director until your most recent semester grades are on your transcript.

Verification Statements remain locked once verified.

Director Program Information - Contact Information for DPD

First Name:

Last Name:

Email Address:

Select the document required from DPD Director:

Upon submission your DPD director will receive an email indicating that he or she is required to complete this information.

Declaration of Intent - If Your DPD Program is currently In-Progress.

Verification Statement - If your DPD Program is Completed.

Screen shot of DICAS where you upload DPD course list form

Application > DPD Course List Form

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS SECTION

Upload the DPD Course List Form here. This form is obtained from your DPD Director and used to enter your completed coursework as either DPD Professional or DPD Science courses into the Sessions and Coursework section of the application.

The accepted file formats are MSWord (.doc, docx), Rich Text Format (.rtf), Portable Document Format (.pdf), and ASCII Text file (.txt). **Do not password protect your files.**

Note: If you are having problems uploading your form please make sure you are using one of the following browsers.

- Internet Explorer 9.0 and above
- Safari 5.1 and above
- Current and prior major versions of Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome

The size limit for the file upload is 4MB

D&D DIGITAL

Online Matching Registration with D&D Digital (www.dnndigital.com)

Do

- Register with D&D Digital for "Internship Matching" to provide your contact information and pay a single matching fee for any number of prioritized/ranked Internships for matching (payment with a US credit card will be to Sigler Companies).
- After successful registration, an email will be sent to you from dnndigital@sigler.com with your assigned username (cannot be changed) and a link to create your password (can be changed). If you do not receive your email within 2 days, call D&D Digital at 515-292-0490.
- Use your personal Login (username and password) to verify or edit your online profile and ranked list of Internships, and to access your matching outcome on Appointment Day.

Remember, you must

- submit an application to your program(s) of interest (<https://portal.dicas.org>) and
- prioritize/rank those Internship(s) (www.dnndigital.com)

No match is possible to an Internship that did not receive your application or that you did not prioritize/rank.

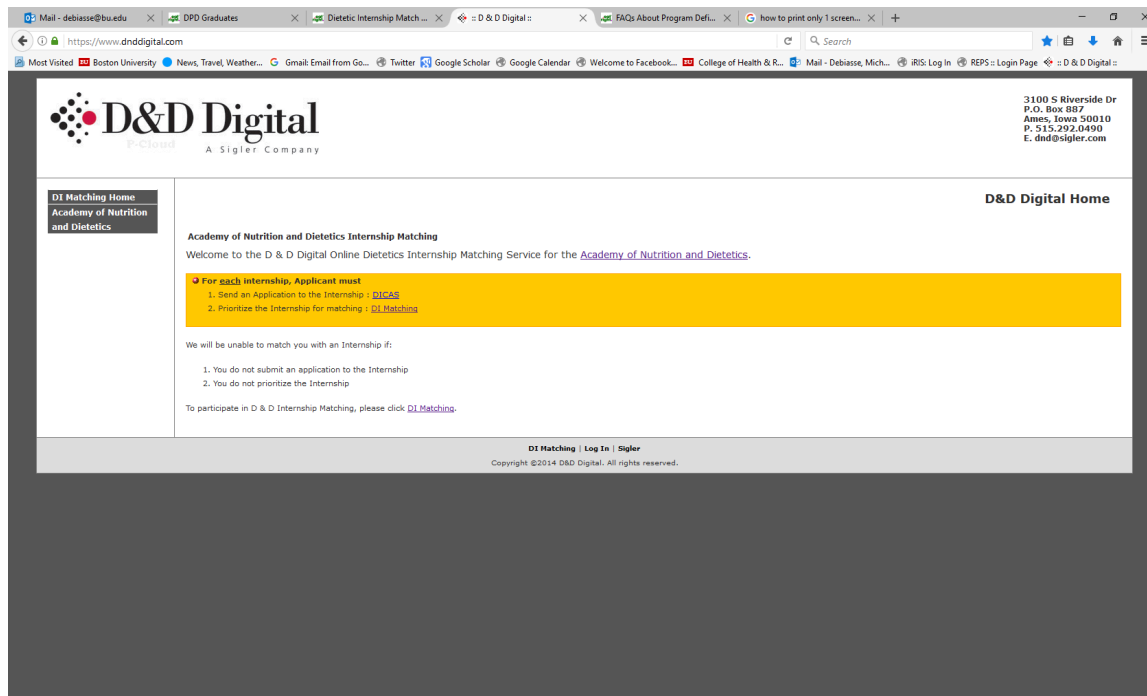
Do Not

- Register after the deadline date (it will not be allowed).
- Register multiple times for the same matching period (you will be charged a fee each time).

Reorder Priorities

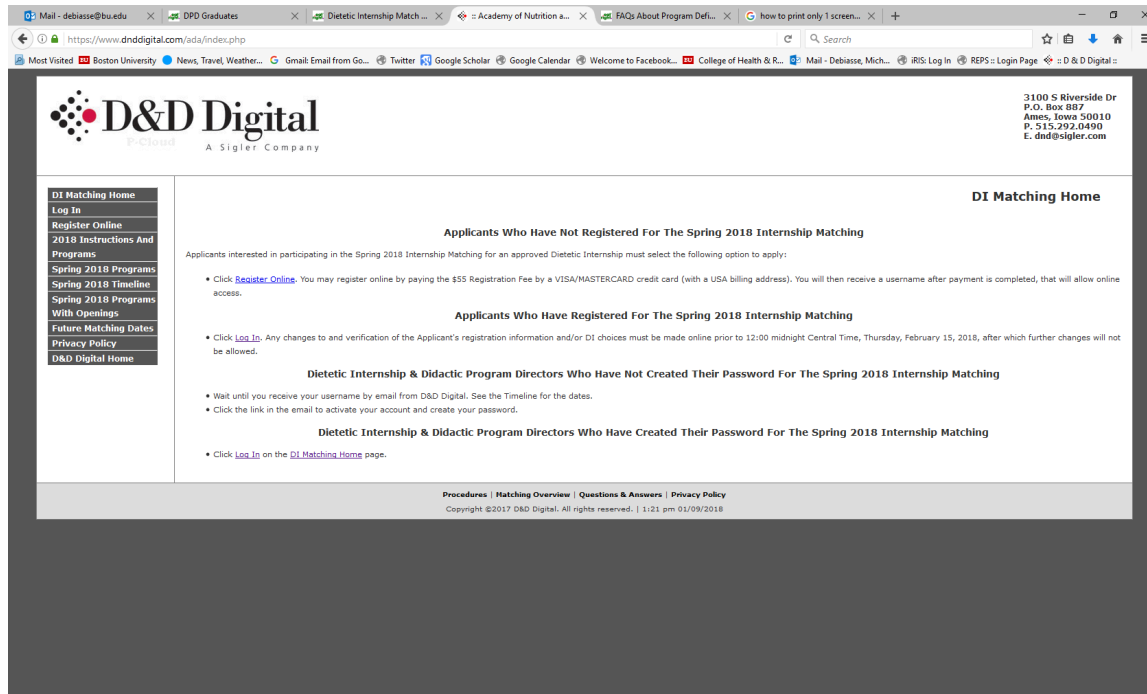
Applicants may reorder their ranking of Internships during a special period of time after the deadline to enter and rank Internships. However, new internships cannot be added to an Applicants list during this reorder time period. Refer to the Matching Timeline for a detailed list of dates.

Screenshot of D&D Digital home page



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the D&D Digital website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://www.dnddigital.com>. The website header includes the D&D Digital logo, the text "A Sigler Company", and contact information: "3100 S Riverside Dr, P.O. Box 887, Ames, Iowa 50010, P. 515.292.0490, E. dnd@sigler.com". The main content area is titled "Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Internship Matching" and includes a yellow box with instructions: "For each Internship, Applicant must: 1. Send an Application to the Internship - [DICAS](#), 2. Prioritize the Internship for matching - [DI Matching](#)". Below this, it states: "We will be unable to match you with an Internship if: 1. You do not submit an application to the Internship, 2. You do not prioritize the Internship." At the bottom, there is a footer with "DI Matching | Log In | Sigler" and "Copyright ©2014 D&D Digital. All rights reserved."

Screenshot of D&D Digital DI matching home page



D&D MATCHING ALGORITHM FOR AND

Applicants submit rank order lists of internships.

Internships submit rank order lists of applicants with their maximum number of matched applicants (class size).

Impossible matches are removed from initial rank order lists creating initial 'adjusted' rank order lists. Further references to lists should be considered to be 'adjusted' lists.

- Applicants are removed from internship lists if the applicant did not rank the internship.
- Internships are removed from applicant lists if the internship did not rank the applicant.
- Rank order lists become **adjusted rank order lists** after applicants and internships bubble up to fill holes.

An internship's match 'window' includes its highest ranked applicants, equal in number to their class size.

A match happens when an applicant's highest ranked internship includes the applicant in the internship's window.

When a MATCH is made:

- The matched applicant is removed from other internship lists.
- The number of unmatched applicants in the internship's window decreases by one.

- The matched internship is removed from other applicant lists if the internship's window has no remaining unmatched applicants.

During Round 1, all unmatched applicants are considered for a match to their first rank order internship, cycling over and over through all unmatched applicants, until additional matches cannot be made.

During Round 2, all unmatched applicants are considered for a match to their first and second rank order internships, in that order, cycling over and over through all unmatched applicants until additional matches cannot be made.

During Round 3, all unmatched applicants are considered for a match to their first, second and third rank order internships, in that order, cycling over and over through all unmatched applicants until additional matches cannot be made.

Rounds 4, 5, etc. follow in like manner.

Applicant matches to internships are no longer possible when their internship list is empty, Internship matches to applicants are no longer possible when their

- class is full.
- applicant list is empty.

Matching concludes when additional applicant-internship matches cannot be made.

Fact:

1. **Guaranteed matches** only occur when an applicant's initial adjusted highest rank order internship also has the applicant in the internship's initial adjusted match window of rank ordered applicants.
2. **All other matches depend** on the sequence (order) in which matches occur.
3. **Withdraw** When an applicant withdraws, their rank order list of internship is removed and they cannot re-enter the match.
4. **Online matches are binding.**

Recommendations:

- Rankings should be based on true preferences.
 - Do not second guess rank order lists.
 - A more preferred match might be lost
- Participants should only rank internships they are willing to accept as interns.
- Internships should only rank applicants they are willing to accept as interns.
- Internship and applicant rankings are confidential.

INTERNSHIP MATCHING QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- **What does D&D Dietetic Internship Matching do?**
The D&D Digital Internship Matching serves as a clearinghouse to help applicants obtain an Internship (supervised practice position) from their rankings and to help Dietetic Internships (DI) obtain applicants from their choices. It eliminates unfair pressures and premature decisions in

appointments by internships and acceptance or rejection of appointments by applicants. D&D Digital has provided Dietetic Internship Matching Services to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formerly the American Dietetics Association) for 30+ years.

- **Who screens applications and decides which candidates are acceptable to a particular program?**

Each DI program screens their own applications and submits to D&D Digital a priority ranking of acceptable applicants and their maximum class size.

DI matching does not change the program's or applicant's selection process. A program will not be matched to an applicant whose name does not appear on the program's priority listing. An applicant will not be matched to a program whose name does not appear on the applicant's priority listing.

- **Will the applicants or programs know how they have been ranked by the other?**

No. All information submitted to D&D Digital is kept confidential. Each applicant is given the final result of their matching. Each program is provided with the names of their matched applicants. Programs and applicants are not told by D&D Digital how they were ranked by each other.

- **What do I need to do to be considered for an appointment to a Dietetic Internship?**

There are two components. All applicants for a Dietetics Internship must complete both components to participate in DI matching.

1. Most Internships participate in an online Dietetic Internship Centralized Application System (DICAS) <https://portal.dicas.org> to receive your application. Applications to other Internships should be sent to the DI program director or as directed on the DI program's website. For additional information, contact your Didactic Program Director or the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics website www.eatright.org/ACEND.

2. Each Applicant must also register for Dietetic Internship matching with D&D Digital www.dnndigital.com to create/edit/verify their prioritized list of Dietetic Internships to participate in the DI match.

Programs that do not participate in the matching process accept applications only from students employed by the sponsoring institution.

- **Can I apply to both the full-time and part-time option of the same DI program?**

Yes. DI programs with both full and part-time options may have two computer matching codes, one for each option. Applicants must apply to and rank both full-time and part-time options to be considered for both options in the matching process.

- **Is there a limit to the number of programs that one can apply to and rank for computer matching?**

No. However, you must submit an application to each program, and rank each program in your Internship Choices for matching at D&D Digital.

- **What process is used for the matching?**

The matching process matches program's highest possible ranked applicants with applicant's highest possible ranked programs until all possible matches are completed. Check on matching overview for additional information.

- **If I register with D&D Digital for the DI match process, but change my plans, how should this be handled?**

Prior to the withdraw deadline, you must notify D&D Digital by email of your decision to withdraw from the matching process. Applicant withdraw deadline dates can be found on the Spring and Fall Timeline links. The matching fee will not be refunded.

- **Do some applicants receive matches to more than one Dietetic Internship?**

No. Applicants are provided one match.

- **What happens if I do not receive a match?**

Dietetic Internships with Openings that chose to have their name released will be posted on D&D Digital website links, beginning on dates shown on links for Spring and Fall Timelines. Applicants who did not match and Dietetic Internship Directors with openings may contact each other. Your Didactic Program Advisor can be helpful in evaluating this information and exploring options.

- **What does releasing my matching results mean?**

Choosing to give permission to D & D Digital to release your matching results means, your name will be included in a list, indicating a match or no match, that is sent to all Dietetic Internship and Didactic Program Directors. If no match occurs, your name, address, email address and college or university where your verification statement was or will be granted will be included on another list that the internship programs with openings receive. If a program has a vacancy they can then make contact with any unmatched applicants.

- **Should I release my results if I cannot relocate?**

Yes. If you do not match and a vacancy occurs in a program in your area, this is the only way Internship Directors and Didactic Program Directors will know of your possible availability.

- **Can I reorder my DI priority rankings after the registration deadline?**

Yes, but only during a specified time period following the registration deadline. However, no additional internships can be added to your list after the registration deadline. Use the Timeline Link to find the beginning and ending dates to reorder your priorities.

- **If I do not receive a match, do my applications and DI rankings automatically move forward to the next Fall or Spring matching period?**

No. New applications and DI rankings are required for each Spring and Fall matching period.

TOP 10 QUESTIONS ABOUT MATCHING FOR DIETETIC INTERNSHIPS

What is computer matching?

Computer matching is one part of the process necessary to obtain an appointment to most DIs. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics has contracted with D&D Digital Systems to facilitate matching through a computerized process. An applicant is "matched" with the highest ranked program that offers the applicant a position. In this way, computer matching helps applicants to obtain a position in the DI of their choice and helps DI programs obtain the applicants of their choice. It eliminates premature decisions by programs about applicants and acceptance at multiple programs by applicants.

Computer matching occurs using the applicant's prioritized list and the programs' prioritized lists until all possible matches are complete. There is a fee for computer matching that must be submitted at the time you register for the match online with D&D Digital Systems. The process is explained in detail in the "Instructions to Applicants" booklet provided by D&D Digital Systems.

If computer matching is one part of the process, what else do I need to do to apply to DIs?

To begin the application process, you must request and complete the application materials from the DI programs of your choice. Most DIs participate in computer matching for their admission process. Those

that are exempt accept applications only from individuals employed by the sponsoring organization. These are noted on the Academy's website in the [DI list](#).

Each DI reviews its own applications and submits a priority listing of acceptable applicants to D&D Digital Systems, along with the number of positions to be filled. Computer matching does **not** change the applicants' or programs' selection process.

Is there a limit to the number of programs that one can apply to and rank for computer matching?

No. Just remember that an application must be submitted to each program you rank on the preference list that you submit to D&D. If you do not rank a program with D&D Digital, the program cannot consider your application.

Is it possible to receive a match to more than one DI?

No. Only one match is made, the highest priority choice for which a program match occurs.

If a program offers both a full and part-time option, can I apply to both?

Yes. Be sure to check the computer matching codes for each option. Many programs have one code number for the full-time option and one code number for the part-time option. If you wish to be considered for both options, you need to rank the full and part-time options according to your preference and include both options on the list submitted to D&D Digital Systems.

When does computer matching occur?

Computer matching occurs in April and November of each year. The [DI list](#) includes information about when each DI appoints its students. Programs may participate in either one or both computer matching periods.

Are there deadlines for the computer matching/internship application process?

Yes, there are two deadlines that you must be aware of when applying to DIs. First, each program should have a deadline date in their materials that tells you when all application materials must be submitted to the program. It is very important that you adhere to this deadline; otherwise your application may be invalid if it is not received by the deadline date.

Second, there is a deadline established by the Academy and D&D Digital Systems, Inc. for registering for the computer match with D&D Digital Systems and submitting your prioritized list of DI programs and your computer matching fee payment. The deadline for the February match is generally during the 2nd week of February and for the November match approximately September 25th. However, you should check with your DPD program director, Academy Accreditation staff or D&D Digital Systems for the exact deadline date. If you do not register for the match by the established deadline date to D&D Digital Systems, you will not be in the match and the DI Programs cannot consider your application. Please be sure to allow sufficient preparation time so that you will have your materials ready to be submitted online on or before the deadline date.

If I don't receive a match the first time I apply, can I apply again?

Yes. You may continue to apply as often as you wish and in both April and November. You must register for the match with D&D Digital Systems and submit new DI application materials for every matching period.

How can I increase my chances of receiving a DI appointment?

Appointments to these programs are very competitive. Program Directors are looking for students with high academic ability (GPA), work experience, strong letters of recommendation, and professional potential. An application package that follows directions explicitly, and is neat is very important. If required, a well-written application letter may be a good reflection of your maturity and communication skills. Be flexible about your Program choices. The ability to relocate from densely populated urban sites also may be helpful.

Where can I get more information about this whole process?

If you are still in school, your Didactic Program Director and/or faculty advisor should be your resource person for information and guidance with the appointment process. The Accreditation staff at the Academy is also available to answer questions. Call 1-800-877-1600 ext. 5400 or e-mail education@eatright.org. D&D Digital Systems can provide information about the computer matching process. Visit the [D&D Digital website](#), call 515-292-0490, or e-mail dnd@sigler.com.

BU DPD/MS+DI, MS+DI & MS Degree Preselect Process

PROCEDURE:

1. Students who are interested in applying to be pre-selected into the Boston University (BU) Didactic Program in Dietetics/Master of Science (Clinical Concentration)+Dietetic Internship (DPD/MS+DI) program, Master of Science (Clinical Concentration)+Dietetic Internship (MS+DI) program or the Master of Science in Nutrition program must submit the following:
 - A complete BU Graduate Application
 - A copy of your resume
 - Your personal statement (using guidelines posted on the application site)
 - TOEFL Scores (Required only for students for whom English is a second language and have NOT graduated from an academic institution where English is the primary language of instruction.)
 - Three (3) Letters of Recommendation for acceptance into the program. You are welcome to ask a member of the BU Nutrition faculty for a letter. It is recommended that you ask faculty outside of the Nutrition program for the second letter. Your third letter may be from an individual *inside or outside of* Boston University.
2. All of the above must be submitted by December 1st of the student's senior year to Shelly DeBiase, PhD, RDN, Director, Programs in Nutrition. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance and financial aid sometime in mid-January.
3. For students pre-selecting to the MS (Clinical Concentration) + DI program, if the student's application is declined, they are still eligible to participate in the April DICAS national computer match. If the student is pre-selected into the BU MS (Clinical Concentration)+DI program, but declines the offer in writing, they may participate in the April DICAS national computer match.
4. If the student accepts an offer of admission and submits their deposit for the preselect BU MS (Clinical Concentration)+DI, they cannot participate in the April DICAS national computer match.

BU MS + Beth Israel Dietetic Internship Preselect Process (New as of 2020)

In this 22 month program, students will begin the MS (Clinical Concentration) at BU in September following the acceptance. After successful completion of the two semester MS (Clinical Concentration) in May, students will have a gap from May to September of their 2nd year. In September of their 2nd year, students will start the 10 month dietetic internship at Beth Israel (BI) Hospital (part of Beth Israel-Deaconness Medical Center). For more information about the Beth Israel DI contact Julie Robarts at: jrobarts@bidmc.harvard.edu or go to:

https://www.bidmc.org/medical-education/medical-education-by-department/nutrition-services?utm_source=bidmc&utm_medium=vanity&utm_campaign=dietetic

Once applications are submitted and complete, they will be reviewed by the BU Programs in Nutrition graduate admissions committee and the Beth Israel Dietetic Internship application review committee. Select candidates may be asked to participate in brief on-line interviews as part of their application.

While students in the BU MS (Clinical Concentration) + BI Dietetic Internship will maintain their full time student status at BU through the fall and spring semester of the internship program. The Dietetic Internship is independently operated and managed by the Nutrition Services Department at the Beth Israel. Students will be awarded their MS (Clinical Concentration) degree from BU in May of the 2nd year.

PROCEDURE:

1. Students who are interested in applying to be pre-selected into the Boston University (BU) Master of Science (Clinical Concentration) + Beth Israel Dietetic Internship (BU MS+ BI DI) partnership program must submit the following:
 - o A complete BU Graduate Application
 - o A copy of your resume
 - o Your personal statement (using guidelines posted on the application site)
 - o TOEFL Scores (Required only for students for whom English is a second language and have NOT graduated from an academic institution where English is the primary language of instruction.)
 - o Three (3) Letters of Recommendation for acceptance into the program. You are welcome to ask a member of the BU Nutrition faculty for a letter. It is recommended that you ask faculty outside of the Nutrition program for the second letter. Your third letter may be from an individual *inside or outside of* Boston University.
2. All of the above must be submitted by December 1, 2020 11:59pm for a September start date.
3. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance and financial aid within 30 days of this date or sooner as able.
4. For students pre-selecting to the BU MS + BI DI program, if the student's application is declined, they are still eligible to be considered for the preselect BU MS (Clinical Concentration) + DI program. If the student's application is declined for both the BU MS + BI DI and the BU MS (Clinical Concentration) + DI, they are still eligible to participate in the April DICAS national computer match. If the student is pre-selected into the BU MS + BI DI program, but declines the offer in writing, they may participate in the April DICAS national computer match.
5. If the student accepts an offer of admission and submits their deposit into the preselect BU MS + BI DI, they cannot participate in the April DICAS national computer match.