Frequently Asked Questions

What are the tuition, fees, and other costs?
Please visit the SHRP website for information on tuition and fees at: http://shrp.umdnj.edu/registrar/regist_04_tuition_fee.html. Tuition is estimated at the undergraduate in-state tuition rate times 73 credits plus applicable fees. Textbooks will cost approximately $700 per year. Additional costs for travel to supervised practice rotation sites are incurred by the student. University policy requires that all students participating in clinical experiences as part of their educational programs must be covered by accident and health insurance.

Is the program accredited?
The Coordinated Program in Dietetics is accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Dietetics Education. UMDNJ-SHRP is fully accredited by the Commission of Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

What is the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)?
UMDNJ is the state university of the health sciences. There are eight schools on four campuses across New Jersey and a fifth Internet Campus. UMDNJ is the largest university of its kind in America and is a leader in health care research, education, and patient care.

What is SHRP?
SHRP stands for the School of Health Related Professions, one of eight schools at UMDNJ.
Our specialization is two-fold:
• Preparing students for entry-level health care careers.
• Educating health professionals for career advancement.

What is the advantage of attending SHRP?
The big advantage is that SHRP specializes only in health care education. All our resources go toward supporting a health care educational environment that attracts and nurtures the very best faculty and students.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

UMDNJ-BSHS
Coordinated Program in Dietetics
Joint Bachelor’s Degree
with Thomas Edison State College

Visit:  http://shrp.umdnj.edu/dept/nutr/BSHS

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ADMISSIONS
A complete application and all supporting documents must be received by February 1st for the following summer or fall term.
For an application and admission criteria:
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Newark, NJ 07107-1709
Website:  www.shrp.umdnj.edu/admissions
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Phone:  973-972-5454

TUITION & FEES
http://shrp.umdnj.edu/registrar/regist_04_tuition_fee.html

UMDNJ FINANCIAL AID
Phone: 973-972-4376
Web:  www.umdnj.edu/studentfinancialaid
Students who choose UMDNJ’s School of Health Related Professions want a University that is exclusively dedicated to health care, with state-of-the-art equipment, rigorous coursework, and faculty who care. All our resources go toward supporting a health care educational environment that attracts and nurtures the very best faculty and students.

**OUR PROGRAM**

UMDNJ-School of Health Related Professions and Thomas Edison State University Bachelor of Science in Health Science - Coordinated Dietetic Program within the Department of Nutritional Sciences is a unique and flexible distance education program designed specifically for the Registered Dietetic Technician (DTR).

Please visit [http://shrp.umdnj.edu/programs/coord_dietetic/index.html](http://shrp.umdnj.edu/programs/coord_dietetic/index.html) for more information.

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

DTRs who have an Associate’s Degree from an accredited Dietetic Technician Program, are eligible to apply to the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (BSHS) joint degree program with UMDNJ-SHRP and Thomas Edison State College (TESC). All applicants must have successfully passed the examination for registered dietetic technicians (DTR) administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR).

Didactic courses are taken via a distance education platform at UMDNJ and through Thomas Edison State College (TESC).

The students’ prior coursework is evaluated and applicable credits will be counted towards the BSHS degree. Students are required to complete 73 credits to graduate. Students may be enrolled on a full-time or part time basis.

Upon completion of the program, the student receives a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree and will be eligible to take the registration exam for Registered Dietitians administered by the CDR. All course work is offered through the internet.

**MISSION**

The mission of the Coordinated Dietetic Program is to provide the didactic and clinical education necessary to train dietitians to have a broad based knowledge of food, nutrient composition and the role of nutrition in the regulation of body processes. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the RD examination and will be able to utilize this knowledge in working collaboratively with other health care professionals, educators and policy makers to promote health and alleviate many of the nutritionally related health problems existing in the community, state and nation.

In addition, the mission of the CP program is to promote career advancement for individuals credentialed as a Dietetic Technician Registered (DTR) that builds on and does not duplicate previous education through a flexible program that combines a broad background in the health sciences, professional courses and clinical opportunities.

The program also serves to promote ethical, professional practice that will instill a sense of commitment and involvement in the profession and life-long learning.

**CURRICULUM**

The BSHS Coordinated Dietetics program is a part time (3-11 semester credit) or full time (12 or more semester credits) Program. A student may take up to eight (8) years to complete the degree. The average time to complete the program is approximately 3.5 years.

**The UMDNJ-SHRP Coordinated Dietetic Program requirements consist of:**

- 4 nutritionally related science courses (16 credits)
- Intro to statistics (3 credits)
- 6 dietetic/nutrition concentration courses (16 credits)
- 8 clinical internship rotation courses and a 1 credit Capstone Course (11 credits)
- 5 interdisciplinary core courses (15 credits)
- 12 credits or more of general education credits including but not limited to: microeconomics, accounting, and other general education needed through TESC.

**CP INTERNSHIP**

The internship rotations are completed in the student’s geographical location. Students must identify upon admission to the program, the RD who will serve as their preceptor throughout their internship experience. This person may be a supervisor at a current place of employment. A contract must be in place between UMDNJ-SHRP and the site(s) chosen prior to the start of internship rotations.

The clinical internship rotations have an emphasis in nutrition therapy and community nutrition.

**ADMISSIONS**

The program accepts 35 students each year. A complete application and all supporting documents must be received by February 1 for the following summer or fall term.

**Applications must include:**

- UMDNJ-SHRP Application
- $75 Application fee
- Official Transcript(s) from all institutions
- A copy of your Dietetic Technician Registration card
- Resume
- Statement of academic and professional goals
- Electronic Photo

The CP Faculty will interview all students prior to acceptance into the program. For more information on admissions please go to: [http://shrp.umdnj.edu/admissions/index.html](http://shrp.umdnj.edu/admissions/index.html)

**Non-Matriculation**

Prospective applicants may non matriculate for up to 12 credits prior to acceptance into the Program. They may register for classes with permission from the Program Director.

For more information on non matriculation, please go to: [http://shrp.umdnj.edu/registrar/regist_03_reg_procedures.html](http://shrp.umdnj.edu/registrar/regist_03_reg_procedures.html)