


MEMORANDUM

To: Jan Ignash, Vice Chancellor
Academic and Student Affairs

Richard Stevens, Director
Academic and Student Affairs

From: Kenneth G. Furton 
Provost and Executive Vice President

Date: March 15, 2016

Subject: Request for exception to the 120 credit for the Bachelor of Science in
Dietetics and Nutrition (CIP 51.3101)

On March 11, 2016, the Florida International University Board of Trustees approved an exception to the 120 credit for the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and Nutrition (CIP 51.3101).

FIU does offer a 120 credit hour degree in Dietetics and Nutrition which is consistent with other traditional degrees in the field in the SUS. However students can apply to a special track called the Coordinated Program (CP) which requires an additional 12 hours of supervised practice experience above the 120 credit hours of didactic coursework. These supervised practice courses are required for licensure to meet specialized accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics for the CP.

FIU is the only public university in Florida that provides students with the opportunity to graduate ready to complete the Examination for Registered Dietitians and enter the job market at the undergraduate level through a Coordinated Program. In order to comply with the accreditation standards set by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) students must complete 132 credit hours of didactic coursework and supervised practicum. FIU is requesting approval to exceed the 120 credit hour limit by 12 credit hours, bringing the total for this limited access program to 132 credit hours.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me.

Exception to 120 Credit Hours to Degree: Dietetics and Nutrition Supporting Documentation

Since the university opened in 1972, the Coordinated Program in Dietetics has provided both the coursework and supervised practice experience for graduates to sit for the Registration Examination for Dietitians*. The program requires 72 credits of upper division coursework to meet the requirements for accreditation and licensure:

Upper Division Program

Required Courses: (72 credits)

FOS 3021 Fundamentals of Food 3

FOS 3021L Fundamentals of Food Lab 1

HUN 4403 Life Cycle Nutrition 3

FOS 4041 Food Science 3

FOS 4041L Food Science Lab 1

FSS 3233C Institutional Food service Production 3

HUN 4240 Nutrition and Biochemistry 3

DIE 3005 Orientation to Dietetics 1

DIE 3125 Management of Dietary Systems 3

DIE 3125L Management of Dietary Systems Lab 1

DIE 3310 Dietetics in Community Health 3

DIE 3244 Medical Nutrition Therapy 3

DIE 3244L Medical Nutrition Therapy Lab 1

DIE 3434 Nutrition Education – GL 2

DIE 3434L Nutrition Education Lab 1

HUN 4241 Advanced Nutrition 3

DIE 4246 Clinical Nutrition 3

DIE 4246L Clinical Nutrition Lab 1

DIE 4435 Nutrition Counseling 3

DIE 4435L Nutrition Counseling Lab 1

HUN 4404 Nutrition, Physical Activity and Special Populations 3

DIE 4365 Dietetic Management of Nutrition Programs 3

DIE 4377 Applied Dietetic Management of Nutrition Programs 1

DIE 4506 Seminar in Dietetics and Nutrition 3

DIE 4564 Evidence Based Research in Dietetics 3

DIE 4963 Comprehensive Dietetic Examination 1

DIE 4537 Supervised Dietetics Practice I 6

DIE 4538 Supervised Dietetics Practice II 6

**The Registered Dietician Licensure credential is required to work in accredited hospitals, long-term care facilities, public health departments, and private practice nutrition counseling settings.*