

University of Central Oklahoma College of Education and Professional Studies
Human Environmental Sciences
Bachelor of Science in Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Management

Student Handbook

The Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Management program at the University of Central Oklahoma is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND).

Located at:

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Upon completion of this degree, also called the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD), students are eligible to apply for entry into a supervised practice program (internship), which will make them eligible to take the Registration Examination to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (R.D.N). At the undergraduate level, this degree emphasizes the knowledge and skills essential for competent entry-level dietetics practice.

To become a Registered Dietitian (R.D.), a student must:

1. Earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Management or have a degree from an ACEND accredited University. Upon successful completion of the degree requirements, students may earn a verification statement (see verification policy) that allows them to apply for entry into a supervised practice program. (see Post Baccalaureate section)
2. Successfully complete an ACEND accredited supervised practice program which requires 1200 supervised practice hours (dietetic internship).
3. Pass the Registration Exam for Dietitians.

Admission

There is no admission process to become a DPD student. Any student who has been admitted to the University will be considered a dietetics student upon the declaration of their major. Any student may declare Nutrition, Dietetics, and Food Management as a major (Code 3080). Students may not apply for entry into a dietetic internship until the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) has been successfully completed AND the student has met the requirements to

earn a verification statement. Likewise, students are not eligible to sit for the registration exam until they have successfully completed their supervised practice program.

**Beginning in 2024, a minimum of a master's degree will be an eligibility requirement in order to take the CDR dietetic registration exam. A graduate program is offered at the University of Central Oklahoma and can be completed at the same time as the Dietetic Internship.*

Students not wishing to become a registered dietitian or who do not meet the requirements to earn a verification statement may complete a degree in Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Management. This degree is designed to meet the requirements for Pre-med, dental, optometry, pharmacy and other post-graduate programs in the health care arenas for those who qualify as well as jobs in public health, foodservice management and food science. Students earning a degree in Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Management will have an in-depth knowledge of the science of nutrition and a solid foundation in applied science.

Mission Statement

The mission of the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) didactic program in dietetics (DPD) is to provide high quality nutrition education and skills necessary to encourage responsible, ethical, competent professionals and prepare students for supervised practice leading to eligibility for the CDR credentialing exam to become registered dietitians, nutritionist, or related fields. The program will foster an environment, which will encourage leadership, professional development, and community service through transformative learning.

Program Goals

Goal 1: The program will prepare graduates with basic knowledge and skills needed for acceptance into a supervised practice program.

Objectives

1. 80% of program students complete program/degree requirements within 3 years (150% of the program length).
2. 70% of program graduates apply for admission to a supervised practice program prior to or within 12 months of graduation.
3. 80% of program graduates are admitted to a supervised practice program within 12 months of graduation.
4. The program's one year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%.
5. 90% of Dietetic Internship Directors completing a DI Director survey will rate graduates as satisfactory for entry level into supervised practice.
6. 80% of graduates completing a graduate survey/exit interview or alumni survey will indicate the DPD program prepared them to succeed in a dietetic internship.

Goal 2: The program will prepare graduates for a career in food, nutrition, or health related fields through development of professional skills, leadership and transformative learning.

Objectives

1. 80% of graduates completing a graduate survey/exit interview will indicate that they agree or strongly agree that they were exposed to a variety of career paths in nutrition and related fields.
2. 80% of graduates completing a graduate survey/exit interview will agree or strongly agree they were exposed to leadership and professional development activities.

Outcome measures of this program are available on request.

Degree Plans

Bachelor of Science in Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Management (ACEND Accredited Track)

Coursework designated NTRN under “Major Requirements” must have been taken within the last five years to be considered current and qualify for a verification statement. Courses taken at other Universities for consideration to be substituted and/or transferred are at the discretion of the DPD Director.

<https://www.uco.edu/academic-affairs/files/ug-catalog/degree-sheets/ceps/nutr-dietetics-foodmngmt.pdf>

Requirements for a Bachelor of Science Degree.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Management program must complete at least 124 credit hours of courses. Students must complete University core curriculum requirements in addition to DPD courses (major requirements). See the Undergraduate Catalog or your assigned academic advisor for approved courses or for information regarding credit for courses.

Students must earn a 2.50 minimum cumulative grade point average in all college coursework, coursework at UCO, and major courses to qualify for the degree. You may earn a degree in Nutrition, Dietetics, and Food Management without earning a verification statement.

Students must apply for the degree on or before published dates. Contact your academic advisor prior to registering for your final semester for specific dates.

Requirements for Earning a Verification Statement

A verification statement is an official document that certifies successful completion of a Baccalaureate degree and the requirements of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) accredited program. A verification statement is required to qualify for application to a dietetic internship. The following is the policy of the UCO DPD program for earning a verification statement. The DPD Director will issue a verification statement if the following criteria are met:

- A GPA of 3.2 in the DPD required coursework (all courses excluding the University Core)
- No grade lower than a C in all DPD courses
- Meet all coursework requirements within a 5-year period
- All 4000 level NTRN courses taken in residence at the University of Central Oklahoma.

All students meeting the requirements for a verification statement will be issued one. It will be retained on file in the Program Director's office indefinitely. A Declaration of Intent form will be provided by the Program Director for students applying to supervised practice programs prior to when coursework is completed. Issuance of a verification statement requires up to four weeks post-graduation.

Students receiving a verification statement who are unable to enter a dietetic internship may qualify to become a Dietetic Technician Registered (DTR). A DTR is a food and nutrition practitioner who has completed at least a two-year associate's degree at a US regionally accredited university or college, required course work and at least 450 hours of supervised practice accredited by ACEND or at least a bachelor's degree at a US Regionally accredited university or college and required coursework for a Didactic Program (DPD) or Coordinated Program in Dietetics (CP). Earning the DTR credential does not require additional supervised practice hours however, you must pass a national DTR examination administered by CDR and complete continuing professional educational requirements to maintain registration. The majority of DTRs work with RDs in a variety of employment settings including health care (assisting RDs in providing medical nutrition therapy), in hospitals, HMOs, clinics or other health-care facilities. In addition, a large number of DTRs work in community and public health settings such as school or day care centers, correctional facilities, weight management clinics and WIC programs as nutrition counselors.

Advising

Academic advising is every student's best source of information about academic programs, procedures and sequence of taking courses at the UCO. Academic advising services are a vital aspect of the university's active commitment to student's academic success. Thus, the university expects all students to participate in the academic advising process throughout their careers at UCO. For student success in the program, it is highly advised that you meet with the NTRN advisor in academic advisement each semester or at the minimum once per year. Many of the NTRN courses are only offered once per year and if you do not take them in the correct sequence it may delay your graduation date. Students are required to make an appointment for advisement with Dr. Tawni Holmes in their junior year for advisement and special permission to advance to senior level classes.

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Advising is done by appointment

Academic Calendar

<http://calendar.uco.edu/MasterCalendar.aspx>

Cost

Fees associated with enrollment to the University of Central Oklahoma can be accessed by the following link:

<https://www.uco.edu/admissions-aid/enrollment-services/tuition-and-fees>

In addition to tuition, books, and living expenses, costs associated with the DPD program include, but may not be limited to the following:

Estimated lab uniform	\$25
Immunizations	\$20
Food and Nutrition Club dues	\$20
AND dues	\$58
District Dietetic dues	\$20

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Students incur charges for a variety of services provided by the University. It is the expectation, as well as a condition of enrollment at the University of Central Oklahoma, that students satisfy their financial responsibilities in a timely fashion. A student who fails to make full payment of tuition and fees, including any incidental fees, by the due date may be prohibited from registering for classes until full payment is made. A student who fails to make payment prior to the end of the semester may be denied credit for the work done that semester. Financial Aid: Information concerning tuition, fees and financial aid is published in the University of Central Oklahoma Undergraduate Catalog. For information regarding student loans, University scholarships or grants, contact:

Student Financial Services
NUC 141

Nigh University Center
100 North University Drive
Edmond, OK 73034
405-974-2727
FAX: 405-340-7658
onestop@uco.edu

Scholarships are available for those in the Didactic Program in Dietetics through the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the Oklahoma Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Applications for these scholarships are typically due in September or October. As other scholarships or financial opportunities become available, they are announced through the Food and Nutrition Club (FNC) or in classes. The University of Central Oklahoma offers Scholarships through the University and through the College of Education and Professional Studies department. More information can be found on the website located at

<https://www.eatrightpro.org/membership/student-member-center/scholarships-and-financial-aid>

<https://www.oknutrition.org/index.php/students/okand-scholarships>

<http://sites.uco.edu/em/your-central-investment/scholarships/>

Student Organizations-Nutrition

The University of Central Oklahoma Food and Nutrition Club (FNC), Institute of Food Technologists Student Association (IFSTA), and Food and Recovery Network (FRN) are all pre-professional organizations that encourage student involvement in the field of nutrition. The organizations serve as a conduit of information between professional organizations and our student members. Meetings are held which serve to inform members about career opportunities in the field of nutrition as well as to help guide them when applying for dietetic internship programs. Members are also encouraged to participate in nutrition related community service opportunities. The UCO FNC, IFSTA, and FRN welcomes all students to join. It is not mandatory that you are a nutrition major or minor; an interest in the field of nutrition and a willingness to get involved in community and professional projects is all that is required. Meetings are held monthly during the fall and spring semesters. Meeting dates and times are posted one week in advance in the Human Environmental Sciences building, through student e-mail, or on social media.

For more information contact:

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Policy and Procedures

Assessment of Prior Learning:

Undergraduate students who plan to transfer to UCO to earn a Bachelor of Science degree or complete the DPD requirements for a verification statement will enter UCO through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Admissions will determine the courses which will transfer into the UCO transcript. If dietetics courses do not transfer in, admitted students may contact the DPD Director to have the courses evaluated. The DPD Director will need the syllabus showing the course objectives and may need projects and assignments which show the achievement of student learning outcomes. No course credit is given for prior work experience.

Complaints against the DPD Program:

Students who have a grievance with the program are encouraged to meet with the DPD Director in an attempt to resolve the issue. If the complaint is against the Director or a member of the faculty, the complaint should be communicated to the UCO Department Chairperson without fear of retaliation. If there is no satisfactory action or explanation, the complainant may proceed to the CEPS Dean or UCO Academic Affairs. There will be no retaliation toward any student who has filed a complaint. If a student suspects that retaliation has occurred, the same procedure for filing a complaint may be followed and/or the student may contact the office of Student Affairs directly. <https://www.uco.edu/academic-affairs/>. A record of complaints made to the DPD program Director will be kept on file for a period of seven years.

ACEND Procedure for Complaints against a Program:

If a student has followed the proper procedure, as outlined above, and still believes that the matter has not been properly handled, the student has the right to file a complaint with the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). Written complaints may be sent to: ACEND, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190 Chicago, IL 60606. The phone number is: 800-877-1600, ext 5400.

<https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend>

ACEND will review complaints that relate to a program's compliance with the accreditation standards. ACEND is interested in the sustained quality and continued improvement of dietetics education programs but does not intervene on behalf of individual students or act as a court of

appeal for individual students in matters of admission, appointment, promotion or dismissal of faculty, staff or students. The procedure for submitting complaints to ACEND may be obtained by contacting ACEND staff by phone or email as listed above.

Assessment of Student Learning:

Students are evaluated throughout the program by a variety of methods (i.e. exams, case studies, presentations, projects etc.). Students must maintain a 3.2 GPA in DPD coursework in order to obtain a Verification Statement of successful program completion. The GPA requirement does not affect graduation from the program or University. Final grades are posted shortly after the end of the semester. The DPD follows UCO policies for grading and advising. Thus, the university expects all students to participate in the academic advising process throughout their careers at UCO. Students are also encouraged to meet with faculty members frequently for feedback and progress reports. In addition, students are required to make an appointment for advisement with the Program Director at the end of their junior year for progress reports, advisement and special permission to advance to senior level classes. Students participate and exhibit posters annually at the college symposium. Students are required to maintain a portfolio which will be assessed at the end of their senior year.

Graduation and DPD completion requirements:

The DPD follows the UCO policies with regard to graduation and program completion requirements.

<https://www.uco.edu/admissions-aid/degree-certification/>

Immunizations:

Students must be immunized for hepatitis A prior to any food lab.

Background Check:

Some courses require projects directly related to children or the elderly. A background check is required for these projects. Students will be instructed on how to complete a background check through the University and the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Personal Conduct:

Students are expected to act in an ethical, professional manner at all times. Students should familiarize themselves with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Code of Ethics as well as the UCO Student Handbook.

Handbook:

<http://broncho2.uco.edu/conduct/code.html>

Code of Ethics:

<https://www.eatrightpro.org/practice/code-of-ethics/what-is-the-code-of-ethics>

Remediation and Retention:

DPD Students are subject to the criteria included on their degree sheet. Students who wish to retake courses in order to replace grades and raise their GPAs and, more importantly, to achieve mastery of the subject matter will follow the UCO policies on Academic Forgiveness. Students are encouraged to take all coursework seriously in order to build a solid foundation of knowledge and to be competitive in the Dietetic Internship Application Process.

Students are required to make an appointment at the beginning of the junior year, or sooner with the DPD Program Director. At that time, GPA of the DPD will be calculated for students to allow discussion of the likelihood of success if the student continues in the major, as well as for permission to advance to senior level courses which are by permission. Students may improve chances of receiving a verification statement by retaking courses to improve grades and/or GPA. Students are allowed to continue to improve grades and GPA following UCO's policy for repeating course work. However, students will not be allowed to register in NTRN 4034 in their senior year without the course grade pre-requisites (B or better in NTRN 2423). Students with mid-term grades lower than a C throughout the program are referred to the program director for advising. To improve learning, student support services are available such as Tutoring Central and the writing center. Students are advised to limit their credit hours to full time status (12 hours), only take one science course at a time, and reduce work hours to provide appropriate study time. Students who have low likelihood for success in the DPD will be counseled by their academic advisors on alternative career paths that are appropriate for their skills, interests, and abilities. Students may contact the DPD program director to make an appointment for career guidance.

Admission, Discipline and Termination:

As there is no admission process for the DPD program, there are no DPD-specific disciplinary or termination procedures. DPD students are subject to UCO disciplinary and termination procedures outlined in Code of Student Conduct.

Travel:

The Department of Human Environmental Sciences or the University of Central Oklahoma will not assume liability for student safety in travel to and from any school related activity. The student is responsible for any cost incurred.

Illness, Injury:

The university is not responsible for any injury, illness or other adverse event. The student is responsible for any cost incurred.

Attendance:

Students are expected to attend all classes and related activities. It is the student's responsibility to request schedule adjustments prior to the scheduled event. Any class, lab or activity missed must be made up at the discretion of the instructor.

Dress:

Students are expected to wear professional, conservative clothing when representing the University. In food labs, uniform is required according to the state health code. Uniforms are the financial responsibility of the student. Detailed information is included in the food lab manual and is the financial responsibility of the student.

Personal Hygiene:

Students will follow sanitary practices in any food related activity or lab. Hand washing is expected at appropriate times. Avoid touching hair or face while working with food. Visible piercing jewelry may not be worn any place other than the ears. Tattoos must be covered. Detailed information is included in the food lab manual.

Post Baccalaureate**What is a post-baccalaureate plan?**

If you have a bachelor's degree from a US accredited institution and are interested in pursuing a career in dietetics, you could apply for the Post- baccalaureate plan. This is a non-degree seeking plan, prepared from transcript evaluations that specifies course work a person, holding at least a bachelor's degree, needs to complete the requirements for a verification statement.

Steps in obtaining a post-baccalaureate plan:

Students wishing to complete requirements to obtain a verification statement required to apply to a dietetic internship should make an appointment with the DPD director, Dr. Tawni Holmes for transcript evaluation. You should be prepared with the following:

- A complete set of transcripts from every college or university attended. The department may request course descriptions or syllabi for courses completed elsewhere if further information is needed to determine equivalency.
- All foreign degrees must be evaluated by a CDR- Approved Nonprofit Validation Agency. The evaluation must include a listing of each course completed and the US equivalency, including numbers of hours and grade received. A list of approved agencies can be found on the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics website:
<http://www.eatright.org/>
- If you are not a current or former UCO student, you must apply through the Office of Admissions. Admission to the University of Central Oklahoma is a separate process.
<https://www.uco.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now/>

Steps to becoming a Registered Dietitian (R.D.):

Dietetic Internship programs select students based on GPA, work experience in the field of nutrition, leadership activities, letters of recommendation and other qualifications. If you are interested in a specific program, it is best to contact that program directly (by the end of your junior year) and get information from them. Consult with the Applicant Guide to Supervised

Practice Experience to get an idea of what that program looks for in the applicants they select. A directory of supervised practice programs may be found at:

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

Note: There is currently a shortage of dietetic internships. As such, it is imperative that you prepare yourself as well as you can to compete for the positions available. Successful completion of the requirements to receive a verification statement does not guarantee acceptance into a dietetic internship.

Steps:

1. Completion of a Bachelor's Degree at an accredited college or university.
2. Complete the required academic courses specified on the university ACEND accredited DPD plan.
3. Upon completion of the academic requirements on the plan, obtain the "Verification Statement of completion" from the Didactic Program Director.
4. Submit an application for entry into a supervised Dietetic Internship program which requires 1200 hours of supervised practice experience.

After completion of a supervised practice program, successful writing of the Registration Examinations for Dietitians is required to obtain the title of Registered Dietitian (R.D.). Students receiving a verification statement who are unable to enter a dietetic internship may qualify to become a Dietetic Technician Registered (DTR).

Tips to increase your chances of obtaining the dietetic internship

Grade point average

Strive to earn a minimum GPA of 3.5 or greater for your food, nutrition, and food service management courses; aim for a minimum overall GPA of 3.25 or higher. If you make a grade of C or lower in your advanced nutrition courses, then it could prevent you from gaining entry into a dietetic internship. It is advisable to retake the course to bring up your GPA.

Work experience

Obtain meaningful work experience (paid or volunteer) in the areas of clinical nutrition, food service management, or community nutrition. Opportunities are posted on a bulletin board in the HES building, announced in classes, and announced at UCO Food and Nutrition Club meetings as they become available. The work experience will supply you with vital experiences which cannot be learned in the classroom, documents that you are willing to "pay your dues" to become a dietitian, and provides you with a future reference when you apply to dietetic internship programs.

References

The individuals you select to write your letter of recommendation will be asked to evaluate not only your knowledge, but also on selected personal characteristics (leadership, motivation, and

ability to handle stress). Before you ask a person to write you a letter of recommendation, review this form and ask yourself "Can this person truly evaluate me in these areas?". Ask individuals for a letter of recommendation at least one month before they are due. Supply the individuals with a resume or a description of your activities to help them write a supportive letter.

Leadership activities

Are you a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics?

The cost for students is \$58.00 per year and you get a great journal to enhance your education in the field of nutrition as well as an insight into career opportunities. Students enrolled in the Didactic Program in Dietetics may join AND at any time, although the membership year begins June 1 and goes through May 31. Membership in AND automatically makes you a member of the **Oklahoma Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics**. OAND offers learning as well as networking opportunities for its members. See the Didactic Program Director, Dr. Tawni Holmes, or any nutrition faculty member for more information. Or visit the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics website at www.eatrightPRO.org/join

Are you a member of the UCO Food and Nutrition Club (FNC), IFT, or Food and Recovery Network?

Membership in these organizations provides students with the opportunity to meet other students in your field, sponsors presentations from outside speakers on various career opportunities and helps students gain valuable information that is helpful when applying for internships. Membership application forms are posted on the FNC bulletin board on the first floor of the HES building. Meetings are held monthly during fall and spring semesters; meeting times are posted in the HES building, through the FNC Facebook page, and by e-mail. If you are interested please contact any of the organizations officers for more information.

Are you a member of the Oklahoma City District Dietetic Association (OCDDA)?

Dues are \$12 per membership year (which begins in September) for students and you receive a great opportunity to meet with other dietitians in the Oklahoma City area. You will also get the inside track to job and volunteer opportunities (which will help you become more competitive when applying to dietetic internships). OCDDA members participate in many community and legislative activities throughout the OKC area. Meeting times are announced through the OCDDA newsletter that is sent to all members. More information can be found on the OCDDA website: www.ocdda.org

Are you a member of any campus or civic organizations?

If so, how active are you within those organizations? Have you served on any committees or held offices? Active participation (as opposed to just paying your annual dues) in these organizations will help to enhance your leadership skills.

Opportunities in Dietetics

Clinical Dietetics

Hospitals long term care, and outpatient settings

Many specialties (pediatric, renal, diabetes, nutrition support, etc.) RD generally required.

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 2015 salary survey: median = \$55,400

Food & Nutrition Management

Hospitals, long term care, businesses, schools (contract service management) Work with chefs or at spas. Consult regarding healthy choices on menu.

AND 2015 salary survey: median = \$55,600

Public Health Nutrition

Women, Infants & Children (WIC), Public Health Department with state and county agencies, Cooperative Extension Congregate Meals program.

AND 2015 salary survey: median = \$54,000

Without RD the salary is lower, but jobs are available

Education and Research

College, university, health professional school & culinary school

Teach K-12 (requires further course work) Create and write curriculum for state board of education, Dairy Council, Cooperative Extension Worksite wellness--teach nutrition, exercise, fitness and other health promotion to employees Manage or assist with clinical protocols, interventions, or clinical trials. Advanced degrees are usually required for research and university based jobs. RD credential frequently preferred, but not required.

AND 2015 salary survey: median = \$64,000

Consultant / Private Practice

Private practice consultation to hospitals and long term care facilities on hourly or "job" basis client counseling for weight management, eating disorders, sports nutrition, diabetes management, etc. from either physician referrals and/or advertisements. Write cookbooks, educational programs, or articles for local newspapers or specialty magazines. Food photography, consult at health clubs/spas as a personal trainer- nutritionist.

RD generally required for patient counseling

AND 2015 salary survey: median = \$55,100

Related Health Professionals

Use your nutrition degree and skills for a career in a health-related profession:

- Chiropractor (DC)
- Dentist (DDS)
- Naturopathic Doctor (ND)
- Physical Therapist (PT)
- Physician (MD or DO)
- Physician Assistant (PA)
- Podiatrist (DP)
- Veterinarian (DVM)

Additional post-baccalaureate schooling is required

Business and Industry

Careers in business and industry include jobs such as sales, marketing, public relations, research and development (labeling, recipes & product information) and production quality control.

- Food (e.g. Campbell Soup, Kraft Foods, Proctor & Gamble)
- Information Technology (e.g. CBORD, Compu-Cal, Computrition, ESHA Research, First DataBank)
- Nutritionals (e.g. Mead Johnson, McNeil Consumer Healthcare, Novartis Nutrition, Ross Products)
- Nutraceuticals (e.g. Archer Daniels Midland, Cooke Pharma, GeniSoy Products)
- Pharmaceutical (e.g. Eli Lilly, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, Pfizer)
- Food Service Equipment (e.g. Diversey Lever, Ecolab, Hamilton Beach Commercial, Hobart)
- Food Service Contract Management (e.g. Aramark Healthcare, Morrison Management, Sodexo)
- Food Service Vendors (e.g. Precision Foods, Super Bakery, Sysco, US Foodservice)
- Medical Equipment (e.g. Bodystat, HealthTech, Johnson & Johnson)
- Trade Associations (e.g. Cranberry Institute, Dairy Council, Peanut Institute, and Pork Producers)

Media

- Commodity groups (trade associations) hire public relations firms
- Radio
- TV
- Newspaper and magazines are a major source of nutrition education for the public
Cooperative Extension agents often write for the local media

International Food Organizations

- Peace Corps
- Non-governmental organizations such as CARE, Food for the Hungry, or World Relief
- United Nations Food & Agriculture Organization US AID (Agency for International Development)
- Multi-national corporation Consulting and research collaboration

Public Policy / Government

- Staff resource to legislator Government agency--USDA, FDA, NIH, etc.
- Health care reform
- Supplement labels
- Regulatory Lobbyist in state or federal government