Admission Requirements for ISPP, Purdue University

The following selection criteria have been developed to assess the applicant's readiness for supervised practice as well as his/her potential to be successful in the program and dietetics profession.

Applicants with a DPD Verification Statement are required to:
- Have received a Purdue DPD Verification Statement within past 2 years or with director’s approval, but no more than within the past 5 years‡.
- Have applied for a dietetic internship in the past and not been matched; must provide proof of participation in matching, and not receive a match (Contact D&D Digital if you do not have a copy of the notification you received of not having a dietetic internship match)
- Have a GPA of 2.75 or above. Prefer a minimum of a C in all Nutrition Science courses

Applicants with a Doctoral Degree are required to:
- Provide transcript from bachelor and doctoral degrees earned (and master’s degree if applicable)
- Arrange meeting with ISPP director to determine which, if any, DPD knowledge requirements need to be met prior to starting the ISPP

All applicants are required to:
- Plan to complete the ISPP within 1 year of the start date for full time supervised practice schedule, or within 2 years of the start date for part time supervised practice schedule
- Have a variety of dietetics related work experience (healthcare, foodservice, and community)
- Submit two recommendations (one from current or previous place of employment)
- Have community service/volunteer/leadership experience
- Complete an application and personal statement. The personal statement is to address the following:
  - Why do you want to be a Registered Dietitian?
  - Describe your strengths and weaknesses or areas needing improvement.
  - Discuss experiences that have helped prepare you to become an RD.
  - What are your short-term and long-term goals?

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Secure an RD preceptor working in a hospital to host the applicant/intern for at least 240 hours (6 weeks full time) of MNT supervised practice for the MNT II rotation).

Interview (phone). The purpose of the interview is to ascertain the applicant’s knowledge about and interest in dietetics as well as the potential for success in the field. The interview also enables the DPD Director and Dietetics Program Manager to assess the level of maturity, communication skills, poise, professional behavior, human relations skills, and the understanding of the rigors of the ISPP.

The application is evaluated in its entirety by the selection committee. Areas of strength may compensate for weaker parts of the application.

† Purdue University Interdepartmental Nutrition Program (INP) MS graduates who hold a DPD verification statement from another ACEND-accredited DPD program are also eligible to apply for the Purdue ISPP if the other application requirements are met. Other interested applicants who hold a DPD verification statement from another ACEND-accredited DPD program may apply with the director’s approval if other application requirements are met. However, priority will be given to Purdue DPD graduates when space is limited.

‡ Applicants with DPD verification statements older than 5 years may still be eligible to apply, but additional coursework to update didactic knowledge will likely be required prior to applying to the ISPP.