

## **SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY | ND SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

### **2024-25 Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Does the Nutrition and Dietetics (ND) Scholars Program offer guaranteed admission into the ND Master/Dietetic Internship Graduate Program?**

Yes. Students who successfully complete the ND Scholars Program's requirements and maintain the required GPA for the duration of their undergraduate studies in pursuit of a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics, as well as complete the required coursework, will be guaranteed placement in the Master of Science/Dietetic Internship.

#### **Does the ND Scholars Program shorten the length of time I will spend in school?**

No. When a ND Scholar obtains admission to SLU's Nutrition and Dietetic Master of Science/Dietetic Internship Program, that admission is labeled as "contingent" upon successful completion of the ND Undergraduate Program for which they enrolled in. We believe that a traditional, full-length course of undergraduate study remains one of the best preparations for success.

#### **Can I wait and become a ND Scholar once I am a current SLU student?**

No. Only new freshman applicants will be considered for acceptance into the program.

#### **Which major/program of study can I pursue as a PA Scholar?**

Nutrition and Dietetics. ND Scholars can choose to follow the Standard Track or Culinary Track.

#### **What if I change my major or decide that I do not want to continue on to the ND Master of Science/Dietetic Internship Graduate Program?**

Students cannot continue on as a ND Scholar if they choose to pursue another major. There is no penalty for withdrawing from the program but applying to become an ND Scholar is an opportunity you only have as an incoming freshman. If you withdraw from the ND Scholars Program and wish to continue to an ND graduate program, you will have to apply through the traditional application process with no guarantee of admittance to SLU's ND Graduate Program. However, if you fulfill the following criteria, you would be eligible to apply for the pre-select admission option during your senior year and/or after completion of "Advanced Nutrition" (DIET 3850):

- A minimum of a 3.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA)\*
- A minimum of a 3.4 GPA in the core Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD)\*\*
- A grade of C or better in DPD coursework
- Completion of the core upper division nutrition courses (DIET 4100 and DIET 4150 Medical Nutrition Therapy I, II) at Saint Louis University

\*Undergraduate and graduate coursework will be considered in the cumulative GPA.  
\*\*DPD GPA will be calculated using the courses outlined on the Pre-select Admission Option form

### **What are the requirements to remain a ND Scholar?**

Once accepted as a ND Scholar, students are expected to maintain full-time enrollment at SLU and meet the following requirements:

1. Maintain a 3.25 semester GPA
2. Maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA after fall/senior year semester
3. Maintain a 3.4 DPD GPA after fall/senior year semester
4. Maintain a grade C or higher in all DPD courses
5. Enroll in a 3-credit hour capstone experience

### **Can I study abroad as a ND Scholar?**

Yes. ND Scholars are encouraged to study abroad. ND Scholars will work with their undergraduate academic advisor to determine a time that is most optimal for studying abroad. Traditionally, ND majors study abroad in the spring of their sophomore year or the fall of their junior year. The curriculum is set up to allow students the opportunity to study abroad during those semesters.