



Policy Title:	Health, Disability or Personal Issues Impacting Program Participation	No.: 1.02
Approved By:	Director of Dietetics	
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Audience:	Students, Practice Education Partners, Faculty and Staff	

Preamble

The UBC Dietetics Program is committed to advancing equity, diversity and inclusion for the Program and dietetics profession, as it relates to the Program’s vision of inspiring learners to advance dietetic practice and food systems. Our core values of justice, integrity, inclusion, collaboration, and community-focus drive our approaches to Program planning, delivery, evaluation, and community engagement.

The Program is located on UBC’s Point Grey Campus, which is situated on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam). Practice education placements take place on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of many Indigenous peoples, in locations throughout present day British Columbia. The Program recognizes the original stewards of these lands, and engages in ongoing efforts towards decolonization of the Program and the dietetics profession.

Abbreviations

LFS	Faculty of Land and Food Systems
the Program	UBC Dietetics Program - Undergraduate
UBC	University of British Columbia

Policy

The Program recognizes that health, disability, or personal issues can impact students’ participation in the Program. Approaches to addressing issues impacting Program participation are informed by UBC policies, including, [Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#) and [Academic Concession](#).



The Program’s [Required Skills and Abilities for the Dietetics Program Undergraduate](#) policy outlines a sample of the skills and abilities that are necessary to successfully complete Program requirements. This policy provides guidance as to what students are expected to demonstrate (with or without accommodations), while supporting each student’s unique situation and circumstances.

Various university-wide services are available to students, to support them to successfully engage in their studies. Students are encouraged to seek out available supports early and often to support them to continue to meet Program requirements.

Student disclosure of struggles and hardships can be a distressing experience that requires safety and trust. With this in mind, the Program aims to provide students with a variety of options for support, which minimize the hardship and burden of disclosure. Students are directed to connect with UBC-wide units and departments when possible, to cultivate a safe environment for disclosure. The Program is informed of student accommodations and concessions only as needed; students may also choose to disclose to the Program if they feel it is safe and helpful to do so.

Procedure

Action	Who	When
1. Communicate available supports and processes to students regarding academic concessions and accommodations; share applicable resources	UBC Dietetics Team	Upon admission to the Program, and routinely throughout the Program
2. Review support options communicated by the Program and other UBC departments (e.g., Student Services), and initiate connections with applicable university services	Students	As needed and as early as possible
3. Communicate student needs for accommodations and/or concessions to the Program	Dependent on issue: UBC Centre for Accessibility LFS Student Advising Office Student	As issues arise



Action	Who	When
4. Collaborate with student, applicable UBC departments and practice education sites (as relevant) to develop a student support plan and modify student's participation in the Program as required	UBC Dietetics Team	As issues arise
5. If a student is facing significant difficulties with potential to put their safety and/or academic success at risk, refer them to UBC's Early Alert service.	UBC Dietetics Team	As issues arise

Reviewed by:

	Action	Date	Status
UBC Dietetics Team	Review	August 6, 2021	Amended to align with current UBC policies & procedures
Director of Dietetics	Review	September 10, 2021	Approved
UBC Centre for Accessibility (CFA) Advisor	Review	June 29, 2022	Minor edits recommended
UBC Dietetics Team	Revise	June 29, 2022	Edits from CFA incorporated; re-approval deemed not needed