

**California State University Northridge**  
**Department of Family and Consumer Sciences**  
**Didactic Program for Dietetics (DPD)**

**Retention/Remediation Policy**

**Function:** To assist high-risk students to develop strategies to promote successful progression through the DPD program.

**Individuals involved:** The DPD Director and Department Chair. The Director of Student Services (College Advising Center) and all DPD faculty members will assist in retention and remediation efforts as needed.

**Definition of at-risk student:** An at-risk student is a student enrolled in the DPD program who has a pattern of:

- risk of academic failure as evidenced by failing or not earning a grade “C” or better in two or more DPD major courses.
- risk of academic failure as evidenced by not meeting GPA requirement of 2.8 and higher.
- risk of not obtaining DPD Verification Statement by not meeting one or more of the four program policies/criteria.
- personal issues that disrupt the learning process.
- financial burden.

**Process:** The student who presents for remediation shall:

1. be counseled/advised by the DPD Director after any of the above at-risk situations
2. be referred to the Department Chair and Director of student services if the issue requires mediation or more consultation.

At this time, the student may require one or more of the followings:

- i. change of DPD study plan
- ii. developing a formal remediation plan.
- iii. developing a plan for improvement
- iv. be referred to student services office to meet with Director of student services for other program alternatives

- v. be referred to the Counseling and Testing Center, general education tutors, workshops on note-taking, test-taking skills, time and stress management, and the Wellness Center as needed.
  - vi. Students may also self-refer by contacting any DPD faculty or Associate Dean for consultation
3. attend a mandatory advisement session offered by the DPD program faculty during fall and spring semesters.
  4. continue with the remediation process until demonstrates a pattern of progression or success.