



**BUFFALO STATE**  
The State University of New York

## Dietetics and Adult Education 4+1 Accelerated Pathway

The 4+1 accelerated pathway in dietetics and adult education allows students to focus their adult education coursework in ways that complement their content knowledge in dietetics and wellness. The pathway initiates graduate-level coursework at the undergraduate level, providing qualified Health, Nutrition, and Dietetics undergraduate students with seamless entry to the master's degree program in adult education and an accelerated course of study toward an advanced degree.

### ABOUT THE PATHWAY

The Adult Education Department and the Health, Nutrition, and Dietetics Department have collaborated to create the 4+1 accelerated pathway in dietetics and adult education to support registered dietitians who are required to earn a master's degree (by 2025) before entering the field. Through the 4+1 pathway, undergraduates in Health, Nutrition, and Dietetics apply for conditional admission to the Graduate School and complete 9 hours of graduate coursework in the M.S. degree in adult education program during their senior year of undergraduate study.

### APPLYING TO THE 4+1 PROGRAM

Students enter the 4+1 pathway either as incoming freshmen or at any point in their undergraduate degree program. Qualified students interested in applying should meet with their undergraduate academic adviser or with Dr. Carol DeNysschen, chair of the Health, Nutrition, and Dietetics Department ([denyssca@buffalostate.edu](mailto:denyssca@buffalostate.edu)), to learn more about the program. Application information for the 4+1 pathway is available online at <http://adulteducation.buffalostate.edu/dietetics-and-adult-education-accelerated-undergraduate-graduate-41-pathway>.

### Admission Requirements

Candidates electing the 4+1 option are required to submit a one-page application. A maximum of 9 credit hours (divided between the first and second semesters) may be taken during the senior year. Students must maintain academic eligibility as outlined by the admission requirements into the pathway throughout their senior year.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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