

TODD WEHR MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Viterbo University
Collection Statement
Nutrition and Dietetics Department

GENERAL PURPOSE

The Todd Wehr Memorial Library aims to support the curriculum of the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics: to prepare students who use critical thinking and effective communication to promote health, manage disease through nutrition, and serve as leaders in community and medical settings. Where possible, the Library supports faculty research and course development through acquisitions, interlibrary loan services, and electronic accessibility. The Library encourages use of the collection and electronic services through course-related instruction, orientations, reference services, workshops, and one-on-one interviews.

Degree Programs

The Coordinated Undergraduate Program (CP) in Dietetics prepares students for the national dietetic examination needed for professional opportunities as registered dietitians in hospitals and communities. The curriculum leads to a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Medical Dietetics.

Certificate Programs

There is also an internship program for those who have completed the ADA foundation knowledge and skills as part of a DPD program and who have completed a bachelor's degree. This emphasis allows dietetic interns to gain additional skills in the areas of health promotion and disease prevention through nutrition.

Both of these dietetics programs are accredited nationally by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: <http://www.eatrightacend.org>.

SUBJECT AND LANGUAGE MODIFIERS

Languages - English is the major language of the collection.

Geographical Areas - American theories and practices are collected at a high level. To a lesser extent, materials from all other geographic areas are acquired for the collection.

Subjects - Food service management, interviewing and counseling, health promotion and community nutrition, developmental nutrition, medical nutrition therapy, sports nutrition, nutrition-focused health assessment, community research and outcomes evaluation.

Chronological Periods - Modern theory and practice are collected primarily.

COLLECTION LEVELS

All resources are collected at CONSPECTUS model Level 3 (Instructional Support Level).

DESCRIPTIONS OF MATERIALS COLLECTED

Types of Materials Collected – Books, ebooks, journals, and videos acquired support all levels of the program. Health promotion materials can include videos, cookbooks, and other resources that promote healthy nutrition at the consumer level.

Electronic Databases and Resources – Electronic resources include interlibrary loan, document delivery, and basic databases appropriate to nutrition. Videos owned by any university department may be converted to digital format for Moodle. Appropriate databases include the multidisciplinary databases Academic Search Complete, the behavioral databases PsycINFO and PsycARTICLES, and the science research database Science Direct Life and Health Sciences. For patient education there is ERIC and for medical nutrition work there is Medline, CINAHL, Proquest Nursing Journals and Cochrane Library. RefWorks is a tool useful to students researching their capstone project.

Types of Materials Excluded – None specifically—current texts are not collected but supplementary textbooks could be.

Interdisciplinary Factors – Cooperative programs exist with the psychology department for counseling and motivation, the nursing department for nutrition therapy, the Latin American Studies minor, and the Sports Management and Exercise Science programs.

COLLECTION REVIEW AND RETENTION

Most material will be retained no longer than 10 years, regardless of use or condition. Materials of historical significance, however, may be retained indefinitely. The collection will be reviewed periodically by library staff and faculty to ensure appropriate materials are weeded or maintained.