

July 8, 2024

Dear First Year Dietetics & Nutrition Students:

Welcome to the College of Health Sciences and in particular the School of Allied Health & Wellness. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you on being selected to pursue the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics & Nutrition. Please consider yourself privileged to have been offered this opportunity and it is expected that you will endeavor to do your best to satisfactorily complete the course of study.

Dietetics and Nutrition is a course of study that requires its students and graduates to behave in a professional manner, as a result all students are expected to conform to all regulations of the University, the School of Allied Health & Wellness (SAHW) and those governing the practice of Dietetics & Nutrition at the University and in Jamaica.

Our students are required to **wear uniforms to classes and all professional events**. Name tags and Dietetics & Nutrition pins also form a part of the uniform and must be worn at all times. Students are allowed a one (1) month grace period to purchase and/or make their uniforms. It is expected that within that month, students should wear professional dress only (i.e. no jeans, slippers etc.). Please note that having been offered a place in the Dietetics & Nutrition Course of Study; you are automatically a member of the University of Technology Association of Dietetics and Nutrition Students (UTANDS). Further information about the Student Association will be shared during orientation week and throughout the Academic Year.

All first year students are required to attend the University's and the College's orientation which will be conducted during the week of August 18 – 24 2024. Your programme orientation will be scheduled for **Wednesday, August 21, 2024**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Lecture Theatre 23 (LT23).

Students may be **exempted from a module(s)** if they have passed an equivalent CAPE subject or an equivalent module at a recognized institution. Students seeking exemption should consult the Students' Handbook for all relevant information including deadline. The following should be noted:

- **You must be registered for the module for which the exemption is being sought**
- **A completed exemption form (obtained from the College office) must be submitted, along with CSEC/CXC/CAPE/GCE certificate from a relevant institution.**

Students may receive **transfer of credit** for a module(s), if they have passed the particular module or an equivalent module at a recognized *tertiary* institution.

Students seeking transfer of credits must do so as soon as they have received their acceptance letter into the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics & Nutrition Course of Study. The following should be submitted:

- **A transcript from relevant institution (if applicable)**
- **A detailed syllabus of the course (s) done before (if applicable)**

Kindly note, exemption or transfer of credit cannot be obtained for modules used for matriculation.

There are many rules and regulations that govern your life here at UTech. It is your responsibility to become familiar with these. The relevant rules and regulations can be found in the University of Technology, Jamaica Student's Handbook. **Please go online and download the Student's Handbook.** This Student Handbook should be used as a guide for navigating student life here at the University and will be a reference point for your advisors, instructors and administrators in the University. Always consult the Student's Handbook first for any question that may come to mind. Please note that your cumulative average from level 1/year 1 (one) to level 1/year 4 (four) will contribute to the class of degree you will receive upon graduation.

Again, welcome to the Dietetics & Nutrition Course of Study and I encourage you not only to focus on your academics but also get involved in the other activities in the college and on campus that will aid in your holistic development as you strive to become a well-rounded health professional. The members of the Dietetics & Nutrition Course of Study look forward to interacting with you throughout your time here and wish you all the best as you embark on your academic and professional journey.

Yours sincerely,



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