

Interview for BSc (Hons) Dietetics

Once your application is received by our Admissions Tutor, the academic qualifications and personal statement are screened by academic staff, and potentially suitable applicants will be invited for an interview on campus. Candidates must have a successful interview before they can be offered a place in the programme. This will normally consist of demonstration of communication skills, understanding of the role of the dietitian, caring attitude and empathy, ability to work in a team, and knowledge of the programme, placements and the dietetic profession. The process on the day will also include a numeracy assessment.

Typical interview format

- Introductory talk
- Maths test
- Tour of key locations on College Lane Campus with our student ambassadors
- Group interview
- Individual interviews

Please note this may vary in order and the group interviews may be replaced with a comparable activity if only a few applicants are attending on the day.

The maths test is 20 minutes long and consists of simple arithmetic tasks, without using a calculator, such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and calculating averages and percentages, i.e. similar to what a dietitian might do in their working day. Please advise us if you have a diagnosed learning difficulty such as dyslexia by contacting dieteticadmissions@herts.ac.uk.

The group interview will take approximately 1 hour and the individual interviews approximately 5-10 minutes per applicant. You will be interviewed and the group session will be facilitated by members of the Nutrition and Dietetics academic staff and may include a dietitian from practice and/or a service user (i.e. patient). The group session is not competitive; we hope to make offers to all potentially suitable applicants if they demonstrate the qualities described above. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and may wish to write these down and bring them with you. Details on the times, meeting location etc. will be included when you receive your invitation to interview.

We hope you will enjoy your visit: the interview day is an opportunity to experience the campus, chat with our Dietetics student ambassadors for first-hand impressions on the programme, meet some of our academic staff facilitating the interview, and ask us a lot of questions.

We look forward to meeting you!