**Description:** The Nutrition and Food Science major applies principles of nutrition to plan and supervise the preparation of meals in various public and private institutions. The mission of the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) is to promote the integration of knowledge in nutrition and food science and to develop leadership and critical thinking skills necessary for achievement of excellence in the profession of dietetics. The DPD at Georgia Southern leads to Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nutrition and Food Science. The DPD curriculum is focused heavily in the basic sciences (chemistry, anatomy and physiology, mathematics, microbiology, and biochemistry). Professional coursework includes Professional Practice Strategies, Introductory Food Science, Human Nutrition, Life Cycle Nutrition, Meal Management, Advanced Food Science, Quantity Food Practicum, Community Nutrition, Metabolic Nutrition, Experimental Food Science, and Medical Nutrition Therapy. There is also the option to get further education and certification after you earn you bachelor’s degree. There is the Registered Dietitian (RD) and the Dietetic Technician (DTR). These are legally protected titles. Individuals with these credentials have completed specific academic and supervised practice requirements, successfully completed a national registration examination, and maintained requirements for recertification.

**GPA Requirement:** 3.0

**College:** College of Health and Human Sciences

**Department Website:** Department of Health and Kinesiology
http://chhs.georgiasouthern.edu/hk/?link=undergraduate/ntfs/overview&sm=1

**Degree(s) Offered:** Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Food Science

**Job Titles:**
- Dietitian/Technician
- Administrative dietitian
- Food Scientist
- Food Technologist
- Public health nutrition
- Dietetic Technician
- Consultant dietitian
- Inspector, Food & Drug (Govt.)
- Nutritional Consultant
- Chefs and Cooks
- Registered dietitian
- Licensed dietitian
- Clinical dietitian
- Nutritionist

***For more detailed information regarding typical duties, salary, training, etc please look at the Occupational Outlook Handbook online at http://www.bls.gov/oco/.***
Possible Employment Settings:
• Media/PR firms
• Schools
• Industry
• Colleges and universities
• Offices in government agencies
• Hospitals and other health care facilities
• Food and pharmaceutical businesses
• Community and health centers
• Food processing plants
• Research labs

Internet Resources:
• Nutrition Jobs http://www.nutritionjobs.com
• Food and Nutrition Information Center http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/

Professional Organizations:
• Institute of Food Technology (IFT) www.ift.org
• American Dietetic Association (ADA) http://www.eatright.org
• Dietary Managers Association http://www.dmaonline.org/
• American Society for Clinical Nutrition http://www.nutrition.org/

Student Organizations:
• Student Dietetic Association
• GSU-FACS Student Affiliate of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Resources for salary information:
• FOCUS 2 Career: tiny.cc/gsufocus
• Nat’l Association of Colleges & Employers (NACE): http://naceweb.org/salary_survey/data/