The following chart depicts typical progress for students studying to become Registered Dietitians. Use this as a guide to check your progress at the end of each semester and plan necessary steps for upcoming semesters. This is only a guide. Refer to additional resources at www.human.cornell.edu/dns/academic/dietetics.cfm.

End of First Year
- Attend DPD informational meeting.
- Register as pre-Dietetics student.
- Join CUDA. Membership in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics recommended.
- Meet with DPD Director.
- Update faculty advisor on plans to pursue dietetics.
- Successfully complete first year academic requirements.
- Seek exploratory dietetics related experiences (shadowing, externships) and/or volunteer or work experiences for winter break.

End of Second Year
- All steps noted above.
- Successfully complete second year academic requirements.
- Seek substantive dietetics related experiences during semesters or winter/summer break.
- Plan to apply to DPD in August of Junior year. Work on application over the summer.

End of Third Year
- Gain acceptance into DPD.
- Successfully complete third year academic requirements.
- Seek substantive dietetics related employment, internships or supervised practices to complement prior experience.
- Remain in contact with faculty advisor and/or others whom you will request a letter of recommendation from.
- Review supervised practice programs and plan to visit over summer break and senior year winter break.
- Take GREs.

End of Fourth Year
- Attend all scheduled DPD meetings.
- Meet individually with DPD Director in the fall semester.
- Request DPD transcript evaluation and pay DPD fee.
- Complete DICAS standardized application.
- Register with D&D Digital for computer match.
- Complete DPD and degree course requirements.
- Request final Cornell transcript with degree posted be send to Dietetics office after graduation.
- Provide Dietetics office with forwarding address for Verification Statements including supervised practice director's name and address.
- After graduation: Begin supervised practice program.