

Communication Skills Requirement
New Policy and Procedure for Transfer Applicants to the Dietetics Major

Strong communication skills are essential for dietetic practice in an internship (stage) work environment. Dietetics students participating in stage placement are representatives of McGill University and are expected to communicate clearly and concisely, and to interact with staff and patients with confidence.

As such, **effective for students transferring into Dietetics for the Fall 2020 term**, applicants who were required to provide proof of English proficiency when applying for admission to McGill and are now applying to transfer to the Dietetics program, will be required to participate in an interview. Communication skills for stage placement will be tested.

What is the application process?

A completed **Program Change Application** form (mcgill.ca/macdonald/studentinfo/undergrads/forms) must be delivered to the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Student Affairs Office, Laird Hall, Room 106, by not later than **March 1st**.

Applicants who meet the academic minima of 3.3/4.0, and were required to provide proof of English proficiency when applying for admission to McGill, will be invited to participate in an interview. Invitations will be sent by email to the official McGill email address.

Who will conduct the interview?

A minimum of two registered dietitians from the School of Human Nutrition. A standardized format and rating system will be used.

When will interviews be held?

Interviews will be held in March.

How long will the interviews be?

Approximately 15 minutes.

In which language will students be interviewed?

The interviews will be held in English. Alternatively, applicants may request to be interviewed in French.

When will decisions be released?

Entry to the Dietetics program is competitive. Decisions will be based on academics and interview results. Admitted students will be notified by email in June and July.