## Proficiency Credit for FSHN 101 and FSHN 150 for Graduate Students enrolled in the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD)

Graduate students admitted to the DPD at the University of Illinois have the option of taking proficiency examinations for two required DPD courses, <u>FSHN 101 Introduction</u> to Food Science and Human Nutrition, or <u>FSHN 150 Introduction to Dietetics</u> to allow these graduate students to obtain proficiency credit by demonstrating proficiency in the course material. Undergraduate DPD students are not allowed to take proficiency examinations for these courses since these courses are required for the BS degree in Food Science and Human Nutrition, concentration in Dietetics.

A proficiency examination is comparable to a three-hour (FSHN 101) or one-hour (FSHN 150) written final examination in that course, and a grade of B or better is needed in order for course credit to be awarded. Proficiency examinations are not for placement or diagnostic purposes, but are only for awarding credit to students who demonstrate thorough knowledge of the course material.

The FSHN 101 and FSHN 150 examinations demand more than an elementary acquaintance with the course material. The student must have solid command of the concepts and problem solving skills for the course and therefore should attempt a proficiency examination only after proper study and preparation of the course material.

Graduate students may get access to the FSHN 101 or FSHN 150 course materials for by directly contacting the course instructors, Dr. Dawn Bohn (<a href="mailto:dbrehart@illinois.edu">dbrehart@illinois.edu</a>) for FSHN 101 or Dr. Justine Karduck (<a href="mailto:karduck@illinois.edu">karduck@illinois.edu</a>) for FSHN 150 for log-in permissions to the FSHN 101 or FSHN 150 Course Compass sites.

## Timing and Sign-Up for FSHN 101 or FSHN 150 Proficiency Exams

Proficiency examinations are given only once during the fall or spring semesters. Graduate students may register for only one exam for each exam date and should schedule their exam date and time by contacting the course instructors above.

## **Contact Information**

If you have further questions about the FSHN 101 or FSHN 150 Proficiency Exams, please contact:

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