Nutrition (Dietetics), MS

The program has multiple start dates each year, and courses are 7.5 weeks long. A maximum of 12 credit hours can be transferred from another accredited program with the approval of the program director.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MS Nutrition (Dietetics)

The MS program in nutrition with a dietetics concentration is a nonthesis option for registered dietitian nutritionists seeking to continue their education and advance their skills as practitioners. Designed with working professionals and students' learning preferences in mind, the program is completely online and can be completed either full time or part time. The program is based on the scientific foundations of nutrition and prepares students to have strong writing skills, computer literacy, interpretive expertise and problem-solving skills.

Applicants to the Master of Science degree program in nutrition with a concentration in dietetics must have one year of full-time work experience as a registered dietitian nutritionist; however, applicants will not have to be employed at the time they apply to the program nor will students have to be employed to maintain in good standing with the program.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Health Solutions
- Location: online

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including the required applied project course (NTR 593)
Required Core (6 credit hours)
NTR 500 Research Methods (3)
NTR 501 Research Methods in Nutrition II (3)

Concentration (6 credit hours)

Electives (9 credit hours)

Statistics (3 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (6 credit hours)
NTR 593 Applied Project (6)

Additional Curriculum Information
For the concentration, electives, and statistics requirements, students should see the academic unit for the approved course lists. Possible approved courses may include nutrition seminars. Graduate-level nutrition seminars vary by semester, in topics and availability. Current topics include:

NTR 503 Designing Health Behavior Change Interventions (3)
NTR 523 Vegetarian Nutrition (3)
NTR 527 Policies, Environment and Obesity Prevention (3)
NTR 529 Pediatric Nutrition (3)
NTR 532 Endocrine Pathophysiology and Nutrition (3)
NTR 535 Nutrigenomics (3)
NTR 537 Evidenced-Based Nutrition (3)
NTR 555 Nutrition and the Athlete (3)
NTR 598 Special Topics (3)

NTR 598 seminars reflect the changing nature of research and cover different subject areas each semester. Recent seminars include global nutrition, public health, functional foods and sports nutrition.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Health Solutions.

Applicants are required to have adequate academic preparation which includes a minimum of a BS or BA degree from a regionally accredited institution, current RD credential, and one year of full-time work experience as an RD.
Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. proof of Registered Dietitian status
4. resume
5. personal statement
6. three letters of recommendation
7. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency via a TOEFL score.

Applicants should submit proof of registered dietitian status by accessing the Commission on Dietetic Registration's website (https://www.cdrnet.org) and complete the verification process using the online credential verification search.

A resume is required that summarizes the applicant's academic, volunteer and employment experiences.

Also required is a one- to two-page, typed, double-spaced, personal statement addressing the following: significant professional responsibilities the applicant has held; professional goals and reasons for desiring to enroll in this program; strengths that will help the applicant succeed in this program and in reaching their professional goals; and, personal interests in research, including, if applicable, studies involving the practice of dietetics.

Three letters of recommendation are to be submitted with the application, including at least one from an employer or work supervisor.

Because passing the registered dietitian exam and gaining work experience in the field of dietetics are required for successful admission to the MS in human nutrition, dietetics concentration, the nutrition program graduate committee does not require applicants to take or submit scores from the GRE. In lieu of GRE scores, a telephone interview may be conducted.

There is not a required foreign language examination for this program.

A personal or phone interview may be required.

Attend Online
ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

**Application Deadlines**

- **Fall**
- **Spring** expand
- **Summer** expand

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