Nutritional Science (Dietetics), MS

Are you a registered dietitian nutritionist? Learn proper techniques and methods for reading and successfully interpreting evidence-based nutrition research while earning continuing education credits for your professional development portfolio with this highly flexible, online program.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MS Nutritional Science (Dietetics)
The MS program in nutritional science with a concentration in dietetics is a nonthesis option for registered dietitian nutritionists seeking to continue their education and advance their skills as practitioners. The program emphasizes the scientific foundations of nutrition and prepares students to have interpretive expertise, problem-solving skills, strong writing skills and computer literacy.

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. It is an ideal option for busy schedules with multiple start dates each year and course lengths of 7.5 weeks. Up to 12 credit hours can be transferred from another accredited program with the approval of the program director.

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 (3 credit hours)
EXW 501 Research Statistics (3) or
NTR 502 Statistics in Research (3)

Concentration (9 credit hours)
NTR 501 Research Methods in Nutrition (3)
NTR 503 Designing Health Behavior Change Interventions (3)
NTR 524 Chronic Inflammation and Metabolic Syndrome (3)
NTR 525 Complementary Nutrition (3)
NTR 529 Pediatric Nutrition (3)
NTR 533 Ethics and Policy of American Diets (3)
NTR 535 Nutrigenomics (3)
NTR 537 Evidence-based Nutrition (3)
NTR 551 Geriatric Nutrition (3)
NTR 555 Nutrition and the Athlete (3)
NTR 598 Special Topics (3)

Research (3 credit hours)
NTR 500 Research Methods (3)

Open Electives (9 credit hours)

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

Additional Curriculum Information
For concentration coursework, students choose three courses from the list above for a total of nine credit hours.

One research methods course is required. NTR 500 may be substituted with approval from the academic unit.

Admission Requirements

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

Applicants must be either a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) or have completed a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD)-accredited program, and will provide either a copy of the RDN credential or the DPD Verification Statement with their application.
Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor’s degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (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 or DPD verification statement
4. resume
5. personal statement
6. two letters of recommendation
7. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

Applicants with RDN certification need to 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. Applicants who completed a Didactic Program in a Dietetics-accredited program, need to provide a DPD Verification Statement with their application.

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.

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

A foreign language examination is not required for this program.

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

Contact Information

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