



NUTRITION (M.S.)

School of Mathematics, Science, and Engineering

GRADUATE ADMISSION (210) 829-6005

The Nutrition Program

The Master of Science degree in Nutrition is designed to accommodate employed professionals pursuing an advanced degree, persons wishing to complete requirements for registration with the American Dietetic Association, and those seeking continuing education in nutrition. The graduate program provides students with knowledge of current theory, research, and nutrition policy, and gives them the skills necessary to apply that knowledge throughout their professional careers. The Master of Science degree in Nutrition will prepare students for a variety of positions in nutrition and dietetics. University graduates have accepted positions in clinical and administrative dietetics, community nutrition, nutrition consulting, food service management, nutrition research, business, and secondary and college education.

Admission Criteria

See the graduate bulletin for complete information on requirements and program content.

In addition to the regular admissions criteria, applicants must submit one of the following:

1. GRE combined total of 800 on the Verbal and Quantitative sections and an Analytical Essay score of 3, or
2. Two or more years of work experience in the field after completion of the undergraduate degree, two letters of recommendation, and a GRE combined score of 760 on the Verbal and Quantitative sections, Analytical Essay score of 3.

Students must meet adequate undergraduate background requirements, including:

- Chemical Principles with laboratory (9 hours)
- Organic Chemistry (3 hours)
- Anatomy and Physiology (4 hours)
- Statistics (3 hours)
- Biochemistry (3 hours)

Any undergraduate prerequisites not completed at the time of admission can be taken during the initial semesters of the graduate program. It is recommended that Chemical Principles I and laboratory be completed before applying.

Certain areas of knowledge must be mastered by all nutritionists. Upon review of transcripts a student may be required to satisfactorily complete the following courses of which 2 courses may be completed as part of the Master of Science degree:

- NUTR 4460 – Community and World Nutrition
- NUTR 4470 – Human Nutrition and Metabolism
- NUTR 4475 – Clinical Nutrition

A core of 21-27 graduate semester hours:

- BIOL 6392 – Advanced Human Physiology
- MATH 6363 – Research Statistics
- NURS 6311 – Research I: Analysis and Interpretation
- NUTR 6250 or NUTR 6342 – Issues in Food and Nutrition or Lifecycle Nutrition
- NUTR 6325 – Advanced Nutrition I
- NUTR 6330 – Advanced Nutrition II
- NUTR 61CS/NUTR 63CS or NUTR 63TP/NUTR 63TR – 4 semester hours of Master's Project or 6-9 semester hours of Master's Thesis
- CE90 - Comprehensive Examination

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Concentrations

General Nutrition

NUTR Electives: Student chooses 10-15 hours, with a minimum of 3 hours of didactic nutrition classes. NUTR 6200, NUTR 6300, and NUTR 6400 may count toward these hours, but an additional 3 hours of a didactic nutrition course will still need to be taken.
Total Credit Hours = 36

Nutrition Education and Health Promotion

NUTR 6364 – Nutrition and Health Behavior

Nutrition Electives: Student chooses 3-6 additional hours from the following:

ADED 6381 – Adult Learning and Development

ADED 6385 – Methods and Strategies in Adult Education

ADED 6388 – Effective Teams and Groups

EDUC 6304 – Theories of Learning

EDUC 6350 – Lifespan Development

KEHP 6381 – Topics in Exercise Physiology and Fitness

Total Credit Hours = 36

Concentration in Administration

NUTR 6414 – Advanced Nutrition Services Administration

ADMN 6320 – Strategic Planning and Policy

Electives: Students choose 6-9 additional hours from Administration courses

Total Credit Hours = 36-37

Internship

Dietetic Internship

Students apply to the Dietetic Internship separately from the graduate program in Nutrition. For information about the Dietetic Internship please contact the Dietetic Internship Director. Please note that a combined GRE of 800 on the verbal and quantitative sections and an analytical essay score of 3 are required for admission to the Dietetic Internship.

The Internship at the University of the Incarnate Word is currently granted accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education of the American Dietetic Association (CADE.) CADE is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation and the United States Department of Education. The address and phone number of CADE are: 216 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606; 312/899-4876

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