NUTRITION - M.S.

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School of Health Sciences
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Fully Offered
• Kent Campus

Admission Terms

• Fall
• Spring
• Summer

Description
The Master of Science degree in Nutrition emphasizes a strong nutritional sciences foundation through coursework and opportunities to participate in interdisciplinary research in community settings. Graduates obtain positions as nutrition-exercise specialists; cooperative extension nutrition specialists; higher education instructors; research associates; and as nutritionists in health care and community agencies such as Head Start and Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

The Nutrition major includes the following optional concentration:

• The Dietetic Internship concentration provides students with the resources and experiences needed to develop the skills necessary to become competent Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDN). Emphasis is placed on intellectual, technological, and professional development while fostering ethical and humanitarian values.

Accreditation
Dietetic Internship concentration: Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)

Admission Requirements

• Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
• Minimum 3.00 GPA on a 4.00 point scale for unconditional admission
• Upper level, undergraduate coursework in biochemistry, physiology and advanced nutrition
• Official transcripts
• Goal statement
• Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) verification statement (required for Dietetic Internship concentration only)

• Dietetic internship application through the Dietetic Internship Centralized Application System (DICAS) with D & D Digital Computer Matching (required for Dietetic Internship concentration only)
• Three letters of recommendation
• English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  • Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  • Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  • Minimum 77 MELAB score
  • Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  • Minimum 58 PTE score
  • Minimum 110 Duolingo English Test score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Describe the physiological functions, metabolism, dietary requirements, deficiency symptoms, food sources and the metabolic utilization of macronutrients and micronutrients for physiological processes; and how they relate to nutrition, health promotion and disease prevention/treatment.
2. Contribute to the quality of life, well-being and wellness of individuals and families by utilizing their nutrition knowledge and participating in activities that promote nutritional well-being.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of research methods and apply knowledge gained by participating in research and/or outreach.

Professional Licensure Disclosure
This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

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Supporting Electives, choose from the following in consultation with advisor: ³
NUTR 51095  SPECIAL TOPICS IN NUTRITION
NUTR 51096  INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION IN NUTRITION
NUTR 53013  RESEARCH AND STATISTICAL METHODS IN NUTRITION
NUTR 53016  WORLD FOOD CUSTOMS AND NUTRITION
NUTR 53512  MACRONUTRIENT NUTRITIONAL BIOCHEMISTRY
NUTR 53513  MICRONUTRIENT NUTRATIONAL BIOCHEMISTRY
NUTR 53514  MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY II
NUTR 53515  COMMUNITY NUTRITION
NUTR 53518  LIFECYCLE NUTRITION
NUTR 53520  SPORTS NUTRITION
NUTR 53521  METHODS AND EXPERIENCES IN NUTRITION OUTREACH
NUTR 63524  PERSPECTIVE ON PREVENTION AND PRACTICE IN COMMUNITY NUTRITION
NUTR 63591  NUTRITION SEMINAR 4

Additional Requirements or Concentration

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 32-43

1 The master's project is intended for students who do not plan to continue graduate work beyond the master's degree. The option provides the opportunity to approach research and theory in a more applied manner. The presentation and interpretation of original research is not required. However, approval of the intended project by the student's master's project committee is required, as is the successful completion of an oral final examination conducted by the master's project committee.

2 The thesis is intended for research-oriented students and is designed to provide the opportunity to conduct original research. Approval of a thesis proposal by the student's thesis committee is required as is the successful completion of an oral final examination conducted by the thesis committee.

3 Students not in the Dietetic Internship may take HTM 63024 toward the supporting electives.

4 Maximum 3 credit hours of NUTR 63591 may be applied towards the degree.

Additional Requirements for Students Not Declaring a Concentration

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 5

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1 All students in dietetic internships are required to obtain criminal background checks, including the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification (BCII) for the State of Ohio and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) prior to beginning practice experiences, annually, until internship practice experiences are complete and additionally as required by facilities.