

## Nutritional Sciences M.A. in Dietetics

### Program Description

This program prepares students to become Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs), who use food to improve the lives of their patients. RDNs work across the spectrum of health and disease, from developing new methods of food production and delivery to preventing disease and enhancing performance in healthy individuals to reducing the burden of disease after diagnosis. The program begins in the fall and consists of 64 credit hours of sequenced and integrated didactic and clinical courses to earn a master's degree in 24 months. Students complete clinical rotations that provide a "hands-on" experience of working with patients and in the community. Upon completion of the program, the graduate is eligible to take the Registry Examination for Dietitians.

### Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission, an applicant must:

- have completed a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, or complete requirements to be eligible to earn the B.S. degree in Nutritional Sciences after completion of 30 hours in the program (requirements prior to starting the program: 90 credit hours, of which 10 hours must be upper division coursework. No more than 60 credit hours from a two-year college will count toward the required 90.);
- have successfully completed, or be in the process of completing, prerequisite coursework\*\* from any accredited college or university prior to enrollment in the program. Courses taken during the Spring 2020 semester may have a "P" for passing or "S" for satisfactory due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- have a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA. Courses taken during the Spring 2020 semester may have a "P" for passing or "S" for satisfactory due to the COVID-19 pandemic. *The College of Allied Health does not recognize academic forgiveness nor reprieve*



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- *policies. All attempts of a course are included in the calculation of GPA;*
- have a minimum 2.75 GPA in prerequisite science courses. Nutrition is a science-based discipline, and students with poor science grades are not good candidates for this program; and
- have earned a minimum score of 600 (paper-based) or 100 (internet-based) within two years prior to application on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if English is the second language. TOEFL's web address is [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl).

**\*\*** *Certain prerequisite courses (Introduction to Nutrition, Biochemistry, and Human Physiology) must have been taken in the five years prior to admission.*

### Application Procedure

1. Follow the step-by-step process for successful application:  
[alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/](http://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/).
2. Submit the following by **February 1** for fall admission:
  - a completed University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center application;
  - official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended;
  - non-refundable application fees; and
  - application materials as requested on the 'Apply to a Program' website.
3. Students accepted for admission must confirm their intention to enroll and attend by paying a non-refundable deposit. The deposit is applied toward tuition and fees during the first term.

### Admission Prerequisites

Prerequisite courses are offered at most colleges and universities. Check the Transfer Equivalencies

Database on the College of Allied Health web page ([alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu](http://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu)) or your school advisor regarding equivalent courses.

#### Required Prerequisites and Credit Hours

- 2 American Federal Government (3 hrs)
- 2 College Algebra (3 hrs)
- 2 Elements of Psychology (3 hrs)
- 2 Foreign Language: 2 years in high school **or** 2 semesters in college (same language)
- General Chemistry I & lab (4-5 hrs) \*
- General Chemistry II & lab (4-5 hrs) \*
- 5 Human Physiology (4 hrs) \*
- 5 Intro to Biochemistry (no lab) (3 hrs) \*
- Intro to Microbiology & lab (4-5 hrs) \*
- 5 Intro to Nutrition (3 hrs) \*
- Intro to Sociology or Anthropology (3 hrs)
- 4 Concepts in Biology **or** Intro Bio: Molecule/Cell/Phys (4-5 hrs)
- Medical Vocabulary (2-3 hrs)
- Organic Chemistry (no lab) (3 hrs) \*
- 2 Non-western Culture (3 hrs)
- 2 Principles of English Composition I (3 hrs)
- 2 Principles of English Composition II (3 hrs)
- 2 U. S. History (3 hrs)
- 2 Understanding Artistic Forms (3 hrs)
- 3 Upper Level Courses (10 hrs)
- 1 Upper Level Gen Ed Course (3 hrs)
- 2 Western Civilization & Culture (3 hrs)
- Electives to equal 90 credit hrs at minimum

**Note:** Maximum number of credit hours accepted from a two-year college is 60. **At least 10 credit hours of upper division coursework must also be completed prior to enrollment in the program.**

1 is required if applicant has not completed a Bachelor's degree. It is recommended that the applicant take an upper level/division (3000 or 4000 level) non-western culture, western civilization & culture, or understanding art forms class. By taking an upper division course in one of those categories, two prerequisites can be completed with that one class.

2 is not required for applicants that have an Associate of Science or Associate of Arts degree from an Oklahoma college. Not required for applicants who have a Bachelor's degree. Foreign Language 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> course are waived for applicants who completed two years in the same language in high school.

3 is required if applicant has not completed a Bachelor's degree. Ten hours of upper division

courses are required and can be taken in any chosen subject area. The three-hour Upper Level General Education Prerequisite can be counted towards those ten hours.

4 not required if applicant has a Bachelor's degree.

5 these courses must have been taken within the five years prior to admission. [Click here](#) for additional information.

\* these courses are included in the prerequisite science GPA for admission.

#### Estimated Program Costs

Please go to

[www.ouhsc.edu/financialservices/SFA/OUHSCCosts.asp](http://www.ouhsc.edu/financialservices/SFA/OUHSCCosts.asp) to review the tuition and fees as well as

additional cost information. Students may expect additional costs that include, but are not limited to, a personal computer, textbooks, lab fees, insurance, and supplies. Students are required to assume financial responsibilities for expenses associated with clinical requirements. For financial aid information, contact the Financial Aid Office by email at [financial-aid@ouhsc.edu](mailto:financial-aid@ouhsc.edu) or by telephone at (405) 271-2118.

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#### For Additional Information

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