

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.);
-Note that remedial hours do not count toward credit hours earned for admission.
- 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. ** *Certain prerequisite courses (Introduction to Nutrition, Biochemistry, and Human Physiology) must be taken within five years prior to admission;*



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- 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 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.

Application Procedure

1. Follow the step-by-step process for successful application:
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) or your school advisor regarding equivalent courses.

OU Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	Footnote
CHEM 1315	General Chemistry I & lab	4-5	*
CHEM 1415	General Chemistry II & lab	4-5	*
MBIO 2815	Intro to Microbiology	4-5	*
CHEM 3053 or 3064	Organic Chemistry	3-4	*
SOC 1113 or ANTH 1113	Intro to Sociology or Anthropology	3	
CL C 2413	Medical Vocabulary	2-3	
varies	Upper Level General Education Course	3	1
P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3	2
varies	Artistic Forms	3	2
MATH 1503	College Algebra	3	2
PSY 1113	Elements of Psychology	3	2
varies	Foreign Language 1st Course		2
varies	Foreign Language 2nd Course		2
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Comp I	3	2
ENG: 1213	Principles of English Comp II	3	2
HIST 1483 or 1493	US History to 1865 or 1865-Present	3	2
varies	Western Culture	3	2
varies	World Culture or Non-Western Culture	3	2
Varies	Upper Level Courses	10	3
BIOL 1005 or 1124	Concepts in Biology or Intro Bio: Molecule/Cell/Phys	3	4
BIOL 2124	Human Physiology & lab	4	5 *
CHEM 3653	Intro to Biochemistry	3	5 *
HES 2823	Intro to Nutrition	3	5 *
varies	General Education Course – Core V: First Year Experience	3	^
varies	Electives to equal 87 credit hours when admitted without a 'First Year Experience' general education course OR electives to equal 90 credit hours when admitted with a 'First Year Experience' general education course completed.	varies	*

Note: If coming into our program without a bachelor's degree, maximum number of credit hours accepted from a two-year college is 60. In addition, 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) world culture/non-western culture, western culture, or artistic 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 who 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 1st and 2nd course is 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.

^ Applicants applying in 2022 who have not completed a Bachelor's degree will be required to complete 1 of 3 'First Year Experience' courses for graduation. A 'First Year Experience' course may be taken prior to applying to OUHSC or the course will be offered after admission to OUHSC for those who have not taken the course. The NS Department recommends taking this course prior to admission to OUHSC but it is not required for admission. The courses are part of the [General Education](#) offered through OU-Norman or may be an equivalent course approved by OU-Norman.

*Electives to equal 90 credit hours.

Please note: If you are planning to attend the University of Oklahoma Norman campus to fulfill your Western Culture, World Culture/Non-Western Culture, Artistic Forms, and/or Upper Level General Education prerequisite, please go to ou.edu/content/gened/courses.html to review acceptable courses offered in these categories on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus. Please remember to review footnote #1 above for instructions on the Upper Level General Education Course.

Estimated Program Costs

Please visit

www.ouhsc.edu/financialservices/SFA/OUHSCCosts.asp to review the tuition and fees and 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 or by telephone at (405) 271-2118.

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