



Master of Science in Nutrition

The Master of Science in Nutrition is an online, 38 credit hour program with two concentrations: Dietetic Internship Concentration and Non-Internship Concentration. Both concentrations are designed to meet societal need for highly trained nutrition professionals. Aging demographics, obesity, accelerated rates of nutrition-related diseases such as diabetes, and advances in nutrition and genetic research are fueling the demand for highly trained nutrition professionals.

About the Program

The online graduate curriculum offers adult learners the convenience of learning at a pace that is convenient for working professionals with additional responsibilities. Courses are taught via the Canvas learning management system. Additional innovative educational programs are used to enhance learning (e.g., Neehr Perfect/EHR Go!). Learners will have the opportunity to explore evidence-based practice and current trends taught by experts in the discipline.

Faculty

- Karen Byrd, PhD, RD, LD
- Lori Crouch, MS, RD, LD
- Kathy Stanczyk, PhD, RD, LD
- Anna Fowble, MS, RDN, CSSD
- Angie MacDonald, DCN, RD
- Milton Stokes, PhD, MPH, RD

Past Graduate Students Are Saying...

Past Interns...

"I was provided a positive outside view of dietetics with updated information, practices, and research that many of my current RD colleagues were unaware of."
Sam Martinez, RD, LD

"I hope the new class of interns know how good of a program they are a part of."
Tamara Searle, RD, LD

Past Completer of the M.S. in Nutrition...

"I greatly appreciated the flexibility of being able to work in the field of nutrition and complete the Masters program online in the evenings and weekends...I was able to combine my research project with my passion for critical care nutrition at my current place of employment. The faculty is extremely helpful throughout the whole process."
Jessica McKeever, MS, RD, LD



Concentrations

Internship Concentration

Graduate students accepted to the Dietetic Internship Concentration will earn 24 graduate-credit hours while completing supervised practice training. Upon completion of supervised practice training, individuals will complete additional coursework in statistics, nutrition-related topics, and nutrition research. The M.S. in Nutrition prepares completers of the Dietetic Internship to effectively compete in a growing job market in which entry-level dietitians are now earning master's degrees. By 2024, a master's degree will be the minimum education requirement to be eligible to take the Registration Examination for Dietitians.

Internship Curriculum:

- NTN 610 Research and Writing for Nutrition Professionals
- NTN 615 Supervised Professional Practice Primer
- NTN 620 Nutrition for the Aging Adult
- NTN 640 Dietetics Clinical Training Primer
- NTN 641 Nutrition Therapy I
- NTN 642 Management Practice in Dietetics
- NTN 643 Community Nutrition
- NTN 651 Medical Nutrition Therapy II
- NTN 653 Advanced Clinical Practice

Courses to Complete the M.S. in Nutrition:

- HEA 610 Biostatistics in Public Health
- NTN 623 Leadership and Management in Food, Nutrition, and Dietetics (or approved elective)
- NTN 656 Nutrition Research Literature Review
- NTN 660 Research Project in Nutrition I
- NTN 661 Research Project in Nutrition II

Admission Requirements:

Applicants must meet the Murray State University requirements (see *Graduate Admissions*). Additional requirement for admission is as follows:

*Students must be accepted to the MSU Dietetic Internship Program accredited with the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND).

Non-Internship Concentration

Graduate students enrolled in the Non-Internship Concentration will complete a 38-credit hour program that includes courses in nutrient metabolism, lifecycle nutrition, pathophysiology, nutrition for the aging adult, performance nutrition, trends in the food supply, statistics, and nutrition research. Students in the Non-Internship Concentration also have the opportunity to take elective courses aligned with their professional goals.

Curriculum:

- HEA 610 Biostatistics in Public Health
- NTN 610 Research and Writing for Nutrition Professionals
- NTN 620 Nutrition for the Aging Adult
- NTN 621 Performance Nutrition
- NTN 622 Trends in the Food Supply
- NTN 623 Leadership and Management in Food, Nutrition, and Dietetics
- NTN 630* Nutrient Metabolism
- NTN 633* Nutrition Throughout the Life Cycle
- NTN 645* Pathophysiology for Nutrition-Related Diseases
- NTN 656 Nutrition Research Literature Review
- NTN 660 Research Project in Nutrition I
- NTN 661 Research Project in Nutrition II
- Approved Elective

Admission Requirements:

Applicants must meet the Murray State University requirements (see *Graduate Admissions*).

*Challenge tests can be taken to opt out of these courses if previously taken with a grade of "C" or better. If challenge tests are passed, approved electives can replace these courses.

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