

Master of Science in Nutrition

Online M.S. in Nutrition - Nutrition Education & Counseling Specialization or Nutrition Science Specialization

Online M.S. Admission Requirements

1. Completion of a bachelor's or higher degree in nutrition, dietetics or closely related field from a regionally accredited college/university.
2. Students must have a grade of "C" or better in undergraduate courses in advanced nutrition or biochemistry and human physiology. Recency of courses will be evaluated.
3. A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 for all undergraduate work and a GPA of at least 3.0 for the junior and senior years of undergraduate work (based on A=4.0).
4. Meet minimum requirements for admission set by the School of Graduate Studies, including English proficiency requirements.

Online M.S. Degree Requirements

Students seeking the Master of Science in Nutrition degree at the University of North Dakota must satisfy all general requirements set forth by the School of Graduate Studies as well as particular requirements set forth by the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics:

1. A minimum of 30 credits, including 9 credits of core requirements, 15-17 credits to complete one of the specializations, and 2-6 credits of electives.
2. A maximum of 9 credit hours required for the degree may be transferred from another institution and must meet the School of Graduate Studies transfer credit requirements.
3. Completion of a week-long, campus-based training in nutrition practice and research skills for students completing the Nutrition Education and Counseling specialization.
4. Successful completion of a comprehensive examination.

Curriculum

Core course requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
N&D 541	Biochemical and Physiological Basis of Nutrition: Macronutrients	3
N&D 542	Biochemical and Physiological Basis of Nutrition: Micronutrients	3
N&D 594	Research Methods in Nutrition	3

Nutrition Education and Counseling Specialization course requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
Graduate Level Statistics		3
N&D 550	Nutrition Education and Program Planning	3
N&D 560	Nutrition and Health Coaching	3
N&D 590	Directed Studies in Nutrition Intensive - Campus	1
N&D 591	Seminar in Nutrition	1
N&D 596	Nutrition Education and Counseling Practicum	2
N&D 997	Independent Study	2
Electives		6

Nutrition Science Specialization course requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
Graduate Level Statistics		3
N&D 554	Nutrigenomics	3
N&D 561	Clinical Nutrition Care I	3
N&D 562	Clinical Nutrition Care II	3
N&D 591	Seminar in Nutrition	1
N&D 997	Independent Study	2
Electives		6

N&D Electives (availability based on instructional resources, student interest, and minimum enrollment)

Code	Title	Credits
N&D 543	Advanced Topics in Lifecycle Nutrition	3
N&D 544	Obesity and Eating Disorders	3
N&D 545	Nutrition in Disease Prevention and Wellness	3
N&D 550	Nutrition Education and Program Planning	3
N&D 554	Nutrigenomics	3
N&D 560	Nutrition and Health Coaching	3
N&D 561	Clinical Nutrition Care I	3
N&D 562	Clinical Nutrition Care II	3
N&D 563	Entrepreneurship in Nutrition and Dietetics	3
N&D 564	Integrative and Functional Nutrition	3
N&D 590	Directed Studies in Nutrition	1-4
N&D 998	Thesis	1-4

Electives can come from any department that has relevant coursework. Courses must be approved by the student's academic advisor and be included on the student's Program of Study before the course is taken. Graduate level courses taken prior to acceptance as a graduate student at UND may be included in the student's Program of Study with approval.

On-Campus M.S. in Nutrition - Dietetics Specialization

On-Campus M.S. Accelerated Admission

The Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's (ABM) 5 year program is available for students completing the Coordinated Program in Dietetics, an accredited professional program. All requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics (BSD) and the Master of Science in Nutrition (MS) can be met with up to 12 credit hours of graduate coursework that may count toward requirements for each degree.

Students who have completed at least 60 undergraduate credit hours and all required, pre-requisite coursework for dietetics apply to the ABM program through an online School of Graduate Studies (SGS). Pre-requisite coursework may be in-progress at the time of application but must be completed before beginning the ABM program.

On-Campus M.S. Admission Requirements

The ABM program allows UND dietetics students the opportunity to complete degree requirements for a BSD and MS at an accelerated pace. Students are expected to graduate with the MS within 12 months of completing their BSD. Admission is competitive, and students must meet minimum admission requirements:

1. Completion of pre-requisite courses and currently enrolled or eligible for enrollment at UND.
2. Have a grade of "C" or higher in undergraduate courses in nutrition and science. Recency of courses will be evaluated.
3. Have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 for all undergraduate work (based on A=4.0).
4. Résumé.
5. Completion of 50 hours of service learning.

6. Minimum requirements for admission set by the School of Graduate Studies.
7. Submission of the online application to the School of Graduate Studies including three recommendations, a Statement of Goals, résumé, and service learning hours form. Address the following elements in your Statement of Goals: describe educational goals and interest in becoming a registered dietitian nutritionist, include characteristics, skills, and experiences that uniquely qualify you to be successful as a student dietitian. The résumé and service learning hours form are uploaded as one document under the "Optional Document Upload" section of the application.
8. Professional interview.

On-Campus M.S. Degree Requirements

Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0 or higher and "B" or higher in courses listed in the Program of Study. Program requirements are:

1. A minimum of 31 credits hours from core courses.
2. Successful completion of a comprehensive examination.

Curriculum

Core requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
N&D 325	Nutrition Through the Life Cycle	3
N&D 350	Medical Nutrition Therapy I	3
N&D 380	Food Service Production and Management	3
N&D 450	Medical Nutrition Therapy II	3
N&D 541	Biochemical and Physiological Basis of Nutrition: Macronutrients	3
N&D 542	Biochemical and Physiological Basis of Nutrition: Micronutrients	3
N&D 554	Nutrigenomics	3
N&D 560	Nutrition and Health Coaching	3
N&D 594	Research Methods in Nutrition	3
N&D 598	Dietetics Practicum	2-4
N&D 997	Independent Study	2