

GRADUATE COORDINATED PROGRAM IN DIETETICS

The Graduate Coordinated Program in Dietetics (GCPD) combines graduate studies (MS, MPH, PhD) with the coursework and internship required to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN). The GCPD develops RDNs with a strong foundation in public health and clinical nutrition, who are prepared to think critically, apply research to practice, navigate ambiguity, and work to reduce inequities and improve nutrition outcomes. Graduates of the program are prepared for careers in the clinical and public health setting. The GCPD is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND).

CREDENTIALS

MPH RDN: Master of Public Health, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist

MS RDN: Master of Science, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist

PhD RDN: Doctor of Philosophy, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist

INTERNSHIP

The GCPD provides 8 months of supervised practice in the following rotations: inpatient clinical, outpatient counseling, pediatrics, management, food service, and the Medical Nutrition Therapy or Public Health concentration. Sites include Harborview Medical Center, UW Medical Center, Northwest Hospital, Valley Medical Center, and various public health organizations.

STRENGTHS

- > Clinical training in an academic medical center
- > Strong acute care training
- > Four Maternal and Child Health Bureau Traineeships for in-depth study of pediatric nutrition
- > Accelerated 2-year RDN training and master's degree program
- > Housed within the UW School of Public Health. The curriculum examines social determinates of health and all students gain a population health perspective.
- > Connections with state and county public health departments

BY THE NUMBERS

- > **4 Quarters** of graduate courses
- > **14 students** per cohort
- > **8 months** of supervised practice
- > **100% one-year pass rate** on the RDN exam

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Apply to the Nutritional Sciences Program (NSP) for the degree and GCPD for the dietetic coursework and internship
- Our typical student does not have an undergraduate degree in nutrition; however, we do accept students who have completed a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD)
- NSP prerequisites: Nutrition, Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Physiology
- GCPD prerequisites: Psychology, Microbiology, Management of Nutrition Services, and Food Science

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MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION)

Year 1 Autumn 16 credits

NUTR 513 Food and Society (2)
NUTR 520 Nutrition and Metabolism I (4)
PHI 511 Foundations of Public Health (3)
PHI 512 Analytic Skills for Public Health I (7)

Year 1 Winter 13-16 credits

NUTR 512 United States Food Systems Policy (3)
NUTR 521 Nutrition and Metabolism II (4)
NUTR 536 Education Principles & Practice (2) *
NUTR 558 Foundations of Dietetics (1) *
PHI 513 Analytic Skills for Public Health II (3)
PHI 514 Determinants of Health (3)

Year 1 Spring 14-16 credits

NUTR 526 Maternal and Pediatric Nutrition (3)
NUTR 560 Counseling for Chronic Disease (2) *
NUTR 562 Nutrition and Chronic Disease (4)
PHI 515 Implementing PH Interventions (4)
PHI 516 Public Health Practice (3)

Year 2 Autumn 8-15 credits

NUTR 531 Public Health Nutrition (3)
NUTR 532 Fieldwork in PH Nutrition (1)
NUTR 559 Clinical Dietetics Practice (3) *
NUTR 563 Nutrition in Acute Care (4) *
NUTR 596 Nutrition Practice Capstone (4)

Year 2 Winter 10 credits

NUTR 561 Practice Experience (10) *

Year 2 Spring 10 credits

NUTR 561 Practice Experience (10) *

Year 2 Summer 10 credits

NUTR 561 Practice Experience (10) *

Credits not tied to a specific quarter:

NUTR 500 Food Systems Seminar (1)
NUTR 595 Master's Practicum (6)
Electives (5)
Optional Thesis (9)

MASTER OF SCIENCE (NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES)

Year 1 Autumn 14 credits

BIOST 511 Medical Biometry (4)
EPI 511 Introduction to Epidemiology (4)
NUTR 513 Food and Society (2)
NUTR 520 Nutrition & Metabolism I (4)

Year 1 Winter 8-11 credits

HSERV 579 Structural Racism and Public Health (1)
NUTR 512 United States Food Systems Policy (3)
NUTR 521 Nutrition and Metabolism II (4)
NUTR 536 Education Principles & Practice (2) *
NUTR 558 Foundations of Dietetics (1) *

Year 1 Spring 10-12 credits

NUTR 514 Food Systems and Public Health (3)
NUTR 526 Maternal and Pediatric Nutrition (3)
NUTR 560 Counseling for Chronic Disease (2) *
NUTR 562 Nutrition and Chronic Disease (4)

Year 2 Autumn 7-14 credits

NUTR 531 Public Health Nutrition (3)
NUTR 559 Clinical Dietetics Practice (3) *
NUTR 563 Nutrition in Acute Care (4) *
NUTR 596 Nutrition Practice Capstone (4)

Year 2 Winter 10 credits

NUTR 561 Practice Experience (10) *

Year 2 Spring 10 credits

NUTR 561 Practice Experience (10) *

Year 2 Summer 10 credits

NUTR 561 Practice Experience (10) *

Credits not tied to a specific quarter:

NUTR 500 Food Systems Seminar (1)
Electives (5)
Optional Thesis (9)

* GCPD Only