



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Dietetics and Nutrition (MDN) is a clinical master's degree that provides didactic education and supervised practice experiences to meet the competency-based education approach under the Future Education Model to prepare students to practice as entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists (RDN). The MDN program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The program is administered as a collaboration of the Department of Human Sciences in the College of Education and Human Ecology with the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (HRS) in the College of Medicine.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE:** A bachelor's degree (B.S. or B.A.) from an accredited North American college or university or a comparable degree from a recognized foreign college or university must be earned before the start of the program.

**PREREQUISITES:** Completion of prerequisite courses or acceptable approved equivalents with a grade of C- or higher. Due to COVID-19, grades of "S" and "PA" completed between Spring 2020 and Spring 2021 will be accepted.

Applicants with a DPD verification statement from an ACEND-accredited program will be considered to have met all prerequisites.

**GPA:** Academic achievement is demonstrated by the cumulative grade-point average and the grades earned in the program prerequisites. The GPA will be computed using all grades earned from all institutions attended. Only applicants with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) at the time of application will be evaluated for possible admission.

**ONLINE APPLICATION:** [The application is available online](#), and must be completed and submitted with all required supplemental documents if applicable. [Application FAQ can be found here](#).

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Three (3) professional letters of recommendation, including the Graduate School recommendation form, submitted directly to [gpdocs@osu.edu](mailto:gpdocs@osu.edu) by the recommender.

**STATEMENT OF INTENT:** A statement of intent should include relevant educational and professional career goals and an indication of future aspirations. The statement is reviewed for quality of writing and appropriate matching between the applicant's stated career goals and the purpose and philosophy of the program.

**TOEFL (International Students Only):** A minimum TOEFL score of 550 on the paper-based test (or 79 on the internet version) will be required of applicants whose native language is not English. An alternative English proficiency test, International English Language Testing System (IELTS), will also be accepted with seven (7) or higher scores.

*A personal interview will be offered to competitive applicants. Knowledge of the profession and personal career goals will be evaluated then. The program will give individual consideration in the admission assessment to courses taken and applicant experiences.*

## PREREQUISITE COURSES

These courses must be completed before beginning the program. Ohio State course numbers are shown below.

### College Algebra or higher

MATH 1148

### Intro to Statistics

STATS 1350.01 or 1450.01

### Intro to Psychology

PSYCH 1100

### Introduction to Nutrition

HUMNUTR 2210, 2310, or 2410

### Advanced Nutrition and Metabolism

HUMNUTR 4609 or MEDDIET 3100

### Biochemistry/Organic Chemistry

BioPharm 3311 and 3312

### Fundamentals of Food (may be completed during the program)

HUMNUTR 2314

### Food Services Systems (may be completed during the program)

CSHHSPMG 3720

### Human Anatomy

Anatomy 2300 or 3300

### Human Physiology

EEOB 2520 or PHYSIO 3200

### General Chemistry 1 & 2

Chemistry 1210 and 1220

### Medical Terminology

HTHRHS 2500

### Biology

Biology 1110 or 1113

### Microbiology

Microbiology 4000.01

### Lifecycle Nutrition (Optional, Recommended)

HUMNUTR 3506

*To request an assessment of existing or planned courses for equivalency by the HRS Graduate Program Office, please send questions and the course syllabi to [HRSGraduateStudentServices@osumc.edu](mailto:HRSGraduateStudentServices@osumc.edu)*

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements and submit requested materials to be considered for admission. The priority application deadline for Autumn 2024 is December 1, 2023, for early action and consideration for University Fellowships. The final deadline is January 31, 2024, to begin the professional program in Autumn 2024.

**YEAR 1**

<b>Autumn</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Summer</b>	<b>Credits</b>
MDN 6000 MNT I	3	MDN 6100 MNT II	3	MDN 6200 MNT III	3
MDN 6050 MNT Lab I	2	MDN 6150 MNT Lab II	2	MDN 6250 MNT Lab III	1
MDN 6300 Nutr Ed and Couns I	3	MDN 6350 Nutr Ed & Couns II	2	MDN 6900 Research	3
MDN 6400 Nutr Assessment	3	MDN 6500 Community	3	MDN 6189 Sup Practice I	4
MDN 6001 Communications I	1	MDN 6002 Communications II	1		
CSHSPMG 3720* Food Service	3	MDN 6889 Food Service	1		
HUMNUTR 2314* Food Science	3				
		<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>		
	<b>Total</b>				<b>11</b>
					<b>12-18</b>

**YEAR 2**

<b>Autumn</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>
MDN 6289 Sup Practice II	6	MDN 6389 Sup Pract III	6
MDN 6800 Leader & Entrep	3	MDN 7990 Capstone	2
MDN 7990 Capstone	1	Elective**	3
MDN 6950 Evid Based Pract	3		
Elective**	3		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>8-11</b>
	<b>Total</b>		
			<b>13-16</b>

\*If not taken as a prerequisite course.

\*\*One (1) elective course is required. The elective course can be taken in either autumn or spring in year two (2).

The above plan demonstrates how students complete the MDN in four (4) semesters, and one summer term. The professional curriculum is completed in sequence, and there is no provision for part-time or evening-only enrollment. The program includes supervised practice experiences in acute care, long-term care, outpatient settings, wellness facilities, and community and industry agencies. Many experiences will be tailored to student interests. Completing the program will require completing didactic coursework, supervised practice experiences, and the graduate project or case study. To be eligible for graduation, students must meet a minimum of 59 credit hours.

The curriculum includes all didactic knowledge, practice skills, and the graduate degree required to sit for the national registration examination to become an RDN, the credential required to obtain a license to practice dietetics in Ohio. Students who intend to transfer credit to Ohio State for prerequisite coursework may view how credit is accepted on [Transferology.com](http://Transferology.com).

Ohio State academic programs are designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure and certification and state licensing board contact information [here](#) for online programs and [here](#) for on-campus programs.

**Questions?**

Contact the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences  
614-292-1706 or [HRSGraduateStudentServices@osumc.edu](mailto:HRSGraduateStudentServices@osumc.edu)  
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