

## The School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

### Coordinated Graduate—Medical Dietetics

Medical Dietetics was the first program in the country to provide a coordinated program in dietetics, which combines the didactic instruction with the clinical experiences needed to become a registered dietitian nutritionist. The program is housed within the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (SHRS) in The Ohio State University College of Medicine. The School is nationally recognized as a leader in practice-based health care education. For more than five decades, the School has prepared students to achieve personal and professional excellence, as they pursue an exciting career in healthcare.

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Registered Dietitians are nutrition experts that are trained to assess nutritional status and provide medical nutrition therapy for fitness, health, wellness and the treatment of diseases. Registered Dietitians are prepared to manage nutrition therapy of patients, to assist in administration of food service systems in hospitals and other health care settings, and to provide nutrition services in community settings. The Medical Dietetics program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation Council for Nutrition and Dietetics Education of The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The curriculum includes all didactic knowledge and practice skills required to sit for the national registration examination to become a registered dietitian. This credential is also required to obtain a license to practice in Ohio.

The Coordinated Graduate Track of the Medical Dietetics program is designed for students who have an undergraduate degree in a major other than dietetics and would like to return to school to pursue a career as a dietitian. Students will enter the program, for one academic year, as an undergraduate student to complete the didactic coursework. Students will transition to the Graduate School and earn a Master’s degree upon completion of all program requirements. This program is not open to students who have completed a didactic program in dietetics.

#### APPLICATION CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements in order to be considered for admission to the Coordinated Graduate Medical Dietetics program: submit requested materials to be considered for admission. The priority deadline for **AUTUMN 2019** is **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**. The program will begin **August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Students will submit an application by going to the following link: <http://gpadmissions.osu.edu/programs/program.aspx?prog=0240>. In order to apply to the program, students must meet the following criteria:

1. **BACHELOR’S DEGREE** — Completion of a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution or comparable degree from a recognized foreign institution prior to the start of the program.
2. **GPA** — A minimum 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA is required
3. **PREREQUISITES** — Completion of the following prerequisites with a C– or higher by the end of SUMMER 2019

<b>College Algebra or higher</b> – MATH 1148	<b>General Biology I</b> – BIOLOGY 1113	<b>Statistics</b> – STATISTICS 1350 or 1450
<b>Psychology</b> – PSYCH 1100	<b>Microbiology</b> – MICROBIO 4000.01	<b>Introductory Nutrition</b> – HUMNNTR 2310
<b>Medical Terminology</b> – HTHRHSC 2500	<b>General Chemistry I</b> – CHEM 1210	<b>Advanced Nutrition</b> – MEDDIET 3100
<b>Anatomy</b> – ANATOMY 2300 or 3300	<b>General Chemistry II</b> – CHEM 1220	
<b>Physiology</b> – EEOB 2520	<b>Biochemistry</b> – BIOPHARM 3311 and 3312	

4. **GRE** — Applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and score a minimum 33rd percentile in each section.

## APPLICATION MATERIALS

Applicants must complete and submit the following materials in order to be considered for admission to the program:

1. **TRANSCRIPTS** — Submission of all undergraduate and graduate coursework completed
2. **CV/RESUME** — Submission of a current CV/Resume
3. **PERSONAL STATEMENT** — The personal statement must explain the applicant's goals in applying for graduate studies in HRS. This statement should include a summary of the applicant's relevant educational, professional and research experiences, as well as, the applicant's career and professional goals. The statement will be reviewed for the quality of writing and to determine if the applicant's stated goals are in line with the program's purpose and scope.
4. **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** — Applicants must submit three (3) letters of recommendation with graduate reference forms attached. Reference Forms can be found at: <https://gpadmissions.osu.edu/pdf/refer.pdf>. Letters should be completed by individuals who can attest to the applicant's strengths. Such individuals can be the applicant's professors, clinical instructors or employer. Areas of discussion can include but are not limited to, personal and professional development and follow through, work ethic, interpersonal skills, maturity and attitude toward learning and critical thinking.
5. **GRE SCORES** — GRE Scores must be sent to OSU's Graduate and Professional Admissions code: **#1592**

## APPLICATION PROCESS

The application to begin the program for **AUTUMN 2019** will open on **September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**. The priority application deadline will be **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**. The program will begin **August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.

1. Submit an application by going to the following link: <http://gpadmissions.osu.edu/programs/program.aspx?prog=0240>
2. You will complete the bachelor's application, but select the "Coordinated Graduate Track"
3. Since CG applicants share an application with applicants pursuing the bachelor's degree, you will submit your **RESUME**, and **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** directly to us at [HRS.Admissions@osumc.edu](mailto:HRS.Admissions@osumc.edu). The application allows you to enter your **PERSONAL STATEMENT** but with a maximum limit of 300 words. Should you prefer to submit an essay that is longer than this space allows, you can also submit your **PERSONAL STATEMENT** directly to us along with your other materials
4. Applications will be reviewed throughout December and January
5. A personal interview will be offered to competitive applicants. Knowledge of the profession and personal career goals will be evaluated at this time. Interviews will be scheduled for the first two weeks in February.
6. Admissions decisions will be made by March

## PROFESSIONAL CURRICULUM

The professional curriculum is completed in sequence and there is **no provision for part-time or evening-only** enrollment. The curriculum includes all knowledge and practical skills required for professional credentialing. The program includes a minimum of 1200 hours of supervised practice in acute care, long term care, and in the community agencies. Students must have transportation and may have to drive significant distances for supervised practice. Successful completion of the program will require the first year of didactic coursework, supervised practice experiences, completing the Masters curriculum and a thesis, graduate project or case study.

## SUGGESTED SCHEDULING PLAN

The following plan demonstrates how students may complete the Medical Dietetics program in nine semesters including one summer term. There is not much flexibility in when a student may take courses. It is assumed that students following this plan who are admitted to the program will begin professional coursework autumn semester of year three. The first year is completed at the undergraduate level. Years 2 and 3 incorporate the Supervised Practice requirements into the Masters of Science in Allied Medicine degree program.

The course offerings are subject to change

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
<p><b>AUTUMN</b></p> <p><b>MEDDIET 4910</b> (3) <i>Nutrition Care Process I</i></p> <p><b>MEDDIET 4911</b> (3) <i>Nutrition Care Process II</i></p> <p><b>MEDDIET 4912</b> (2) <i>Nutrition Care Process III</i></p> <p><b>MEDDIET 4900</b> (3) <i>Nutrition Assessment</i></p> <p><b>HUMNNTR 3506</b> (3) <i>Nutrition in Life Cycle</i></p> <p><b>HUMNNTR 2314</b> (3) <i>Fundamentals of Food</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">17 credits</p>	<p><b>AUTUMN (Begin Graduate Studies)</b></p> <p><b>MEDDIET 6300</b> (3) <i>Advanced Nutrition and Metabolism</i></p> <p><b>MEDDIET 5189</b> (6) <i>Dietetics Professional Practice I</i></p> <p><b>HTHRHSC 6795</b> (1) <i>Intro to HRS Grad Studies</i></p> <p><b>HRS Core, Research, or Cognate Elective</b> (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13 credits</p>	<p><b>AUTUMN</b></p> <p><b>MEDDIET 5389</b> (3) <i>Dietetics Professional Practice III</i></p> <p><b>MEDDIET 6002</b> (1) <i>Nutrition Support and Critical Care</i></p> <p><b>HTHRHSC 7998/7999</b> (2) <i>Thesis or Non-Thesis Research</i></p> <p><b>HRS Core, Research, or Cognate Elective</b> (3)</p> <p><b>HRS Core, Research, or Cognate Elective</b> (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12 credits</p>
<p><b>SPRING (Graduate School App by April 1st)</b></p> <p><b>MEDDIET 4923</b> (3) <i>Nutrition Care Process IV</i></p> <p><b>MEDDIET 4924</b> (3) <i>Nutrition Care Process V</i></p> <p><b>MEDDIET 4925</b> (2) <i>Nutrition Care Process VI</i></p> <p><b>MEDDIET 4200</b> (3) <i>Medical Dietetics Management</i></p> <p><b>MEDDIET 4500</b> (3) <i>Community Nutrition</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">14 credits</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p><b>MEDDIET 5289</b> (6) <i>Dietetics Professional Practice II</i></p> <p><b>MEDDIET 6001</b> (1) <i>Foundations in Research &amp; Application I</i></p> <p><b>HTHRHSC 5300</b> (3) <i>Healthcare Management and Human Resources</i></p> <p><b>HRS Core, Research, or Cognate Elective</b> (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13 credits</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p><b>MEDDIET 6003</b> (1) <i>Foundations in Research &amp; Application III</i></p> <p><b>HTHRHSC 7998/7999</b> (2) <i>Thesis or Non-Thesis Research</i></p> <p><b>HRS Core, Research, or Cognate Elective</b> (3)</p> <p><b>HRS Core, Research, or Cognate Elective</b> (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9 credits</p>

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

It is strongly recommended that all prospective students schedule an appointment with the Graduate Academic Coordinator to review application procedures, program requirements and course equivalencies. You can make an appointment with the Graduate Academic Coordinator by calling the Office of Student Services below.

### Office of Student Services

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