

The School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

Coordinated Graduate—Medical Dietetics

The School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (SHRS) is a School 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

Dietitians are nutrition experts. Dietitians assess nutritional status and recommend foods for fitness, health, and the treatment of diseases. 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 at Ohio State is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetic Education of The American Dietetic Association. The curriculum includes all knowledge and practice skills required to become a registered dietitian and to obtain a license 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. Students will then apply to the Graduate School during their first year to transition as a graduate student for their second year. Students will complete the requirements enabling them to sit for their RD exam while also earning a Master of Science. This program is not open to students who have completed a didactic program in dietetics. Students who have completed a didactic program in dietetics are able to pursue OSU’s Master of Science/Dietetic Internship (MSDI) program.

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 2018** is **December 1st, 2017**. The program will begin **August 21st, 2018**. 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 in all coursework taken at all accredited institutions.
3. **PREREQUISITES** — Completion of the following prerequisites with a C– or higher by the end of SUMMER 2018

COLLEGE ALEBRA (or higher)	BIOLOGY I	STATISTICS
PSYCHOLOGY	MICROBIOLOGY	INTRODUCTORY NUTRITION
MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	CHEMISTRY I	ADVANCED NUTRITION
ANATOMY	CHEMISTRY II	
PHYSIOLOGY	INTRO BIOCHEMISTRY	

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 2018** will open on **August 1st, 2017**. The priority application deadline for will be **December 1st, 2017**. The program will begin **August 21st, 2018**.

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. 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 program includes a minimum of 1200 hours of supervised practice in the community, acute care, and long-term care. Students must have transportation and may have to drive significant distances for supervise practice. Students will complete one year of undergraduate-level coursework in dietetics, and then two years of graduate-level dietetic coursework, resulting in a Master's of Science in Allied Medicine.

SUGGESTED SCHEDULING PLAN

The following plan demonstrates how students may complete the medical dietetics program. There is not much flexibility in when a student may take courses. It is assumed that students following this plan will transition to the graduate program at the beginning of year two.

The course offerings are subject to change

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
AUTUMN MEDDIET 4910 (3) <i>Nutrition Care Process I</i> MEDDIET 4911 (3) <i>Nutrition Care Process II</i> MEDDIET 4912 (2) <i>Nutrition Care Process III</i> MEDDIET 4900 (3) <i>Nutrition Assessment</i> HUMNNTR 3506 (3) <i>Nutrition in Life Cycle</i> HUMNNTR 2314 (3) <i>Fundamentals of Food</i> credits 17	AUTUMN (Begin Graduate Studies) MEDDIET 6300 (3) <i>Advanced Nutrition and Metabolism</i> MEDDIET 5189 (6) <i>Dietetics Professional Practice I</i> AEE 8850 (2) <i>Research Methods</i> AEE 8851 (1) <i>Research Proposal I (optional)</i> HTHRHSC 6795 (1) <i>Intro to HRS Grad Studies</i> 12-13 credits	AUTUMN MEDDIET 5389 (3) <i>Dietetics Professional Practice III</i> MEDDIET 6350 (3) <i>Nutrition Support and Critical Care</i> MEDDIET 6200 (3) <i>Community Nutrition</i> HTHRHSC 7900 (1) <i>Evidence Based Practice I</i> HTHRHSC 7999 (1) <i>Thesis Research</i> 11 credits
SPRING (Apply to Graduate School by April 1st) MEDDIET 4913 (3) <i>Nutrition Care Process IV</i> MEDDIET 4914 (3) <i>Nutrition Care Process V</i> MEDDIET 4915 (2) <i>Nutrition Care Process VI</i> MEDDIET 4200 (3) <i>Medical Dietetics Management</i> MEDDIET 4500 (3) <i>Community Nutrition</i> 14 credits	SPRING HTHRHSC 7350 (3) <i>Issues in Health Care</i> MEDDIET 5289 (6) <i>Dietetics Professional Practice II</i> AEE 8860 (2) <i>Research Design</i> AEE 8861 (1) <i>Research Proposal II (optional)</i> 11-12 credits	SPRING MEDDIET 5389 (3) <i>Dietetics Professional Practice III</i> HTHRHSC 7910 (1) <i>Evidence Based Practice II</i> HTHRHSC 7999 (3) <i>Thesis Research</i> <i>Medical Dietetics Elective</i> (3) 10 credits
	SUMMER HTHRHSC 5300 (3) <i>HealthCare and HR Management</i> 3 credits	<i>Electives:</i> MEDDIET 6350 (3) MEDDIET 6300 (3) MEDDIET 5750 (3) MEDDIET 6200 (3) MEDDIET 6900 (3) MEDDIET 5825 (3) MEDDIET 6191 (2-5) MEDDIET 5800 (3) MEDDIET 5705 (2) *Other related campus courses may be requested

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

It is strongly recommended that prospective students schedule an appointment with the Graduate Academic Coordinator by contacting the Office of Student Services.

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