

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DIETETICS



COLLEGE OF
**EDUCATION AND
HUMAN SCIENCES**

OVERVIEW

The Graduate Certificate in Dietetics provides a unique path for students seeking to complete a dietetic internship while pursuing a Masters of Public Health (MPH) or related food and nutrition program such as exercise science, food science, hospitality/restaurant management, biochemistry, biology or other desired area of study.

Upon completion of the certificate program, graduates are eligible to sit for the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist credential examination. Once registered, the individual is eligible to apply for licensure in their practice state.

Our highly successful Dietetic Internship Program has an ongoing history of accreditation with the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

All of our award-winning graduate faculty possess a PhD and/or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist credentials and integrate personal experiences and research into the curriculum. Students also have opportunity to interact with faculty who serve with Oklahoma Cooperative Extension.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Students are encouraged to apply for competitive scholarships and financial support available from a variety of sources:

- The College of Education and Human Sciences graduate program awards general and departmental scholarships to students each year. The deadline for college scholarships is typically in early January for the following academic year. Scholarship recipients must be currently enrolled and majoring in a degree program in the College of Education and Human Sciences. For more information, visit <https://education.okstate.edu/undergraduate-students/scholarships/index.html>
- OSU scholarship and financial aid information and applications may be found at: <https://go.okstate.edu/scholarships-financial-aid/> or phone the OSU Financial Aid Office at 405-744-6604.
- Scholarships are also available through state dietetic associations and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) for academy members. The deadline for Oklahoma AND scholarships is January 31 preceding the internship year; the deadline for AND scholarships is April of each year.

COURSEWORK

The graduate certificate program includes 18 credit hours with core courses in macronutrients, micronutrients, advanced nutrition therapy and nutrition research. Practicum courses are completed at various sites across Oklahoma under the supervision of trained RD/RDN preceptors, which fulfill the 1200 hours of supervised practice requirements of ACEND. Directors of OSU's Dietetic Internship Program work with interns to coordinate placement in the supervised practice settings.

Required Courses

NSCI 5123 **Research Methods in Nutritional Sciences**
(prerequisite STAT 5013 or REMS 5953)
or REMS 5013 Research Design and
Methodology or equivalent.

NSCI 5033 **Macronutrients in Human Nutrition**

NSCI 5043 **Micronutrients in Human Nutrition**

NSCI 5643 **Advanced Medical Nutrition Therapy**

Dietetic Internship Practicum Courses

NSCI 5412 **Dietetic Internship Management Practicum**

NSCI 5422 **Dietetic Internship Clinical Practicum**

NSCI 5432 **Dietetic Internship Community Nutrition**

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ADMISSION

Applicants must be enrolled in a Master of Public Health (MPH) or related graduate program such as exercise science, food science, hospitality/restaurant management, biochemistry, biology or other desired area of study. Applicants must have completed an Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics and have a verification statement.

NSCI graduate faculty use a holistic approach in reviewing applications. Admission recommendations are based on reviews of the following information:

- Online Graduate College Application (<https://go.okstate.edu/scholarships-financial-aid/>) including:
 - Copies of transcript(s) showing a required minimum undergraduate overall GPA of 3.0 in all undergraduate, graduate and professional school coursework to be considered for full admission (grades for science courses are also evaluated)
 - Three letters of recommendation. Letters used for the master's program application may be used.
 - A one to two page statement of professional goals.
 - Resume or curriculum vitae
- TOEFL scores of 79 on the internet-based test or IELTS scores of 6.5 on the Academic Test are required when English is a second language.
- GRE scores are preferred, but not required for admission to the certificate program.

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