NUTRITION, M.S.

The M.S. in Nutrition offers a thesis option (37 credit hours minimum), a non-thesis option (40 credit hours minimum), and a Dietetic Internship Concentration (38 credit hours). The thesis option is research-based and designed to prepare students for research, administration and practitioner positions in nutrition, or for progression to the Ph.D. program. A written thesis is required for graduation. The non-thesis option is designed to prepare students for consulting, administrative, and practitioner positions in nutrition. A comprehensive examination must be passed. The registered dietitian (RD) credential must be obtained for a career in dietetics.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see https://grs.uncg.edu/programs/.

In addition to the application materials required by the Graduate School, applicants must submit a letter of intent that includes research and professional objectives and that identifies faculty with research interests most central to student research and career interests.

Prerequisites for admission to the graduate program in nutrition include: 2-3 semesters of biology (general biology with lab, human physiology) and 3-4 semesters of chemistry (inorganic chemistry with lab, organic chemistry with lab, biochemistry).

Dietetic Internship Concentration Application and Admission

A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with proof of completion of an ACEND accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics within 5 years of application date is required. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in nutrition, foods, food science, food service management, chemistry, biochemistry, biology, physiology, and microbiology courses is preferred. Varied work experiences and exposures in dietetics and/or food service are strongly preferred. Applicants will be evaluated based upon their academic performance, dietetics-related work/volunteer experiences, letters of reference, and statement of professional goals. The selection process is highly competitive and not all applicants who meet the minimum requirements may be selected.

The GRE is not required.

Materials required for application include:

- DPD Verification Statement or Intent to Complete form signed by DPD Director
- Resume
- Personal Statement
- Three letter of recommendations
- Transcripts
- UNC Greensboro Supplemental Application mailed directly to program

Steps for Application and Admission:

Process should begin in late Fall for mid-February deadline.

Visit the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics website and review the application process for students at: https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/students-and-advancing-education/application-process-for-students (https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/students-and-advancing-education/application-process-for-students/).

Apply to the program via the Dietetic Inclusive Centralized Application Services (DICAS) online portal by the middle of February for Spring match (please see portal for exact date).

1. Complete UNC Greensboro supplemental application and mail with application fee.
2. Register with D&D Digital Online Dietetics Internship Matching Service for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Rank program by deadline. (See D&D Digital for exact date).
3. Complete interview process upon invitation (March).
4. Confirm final rankings on D&D Digital.
5. Await match results (early April).
6. If matched to UNC Greensboro, confirm acceptance by deadline.
7. Apply for admission to UNC Greensboro Graduate School (May).

Degree Program Requirements

Thesis Option

Required: 37 credit hours minimum

At least 26 credits must be in 600-level courses. The minimum requirements include:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Core (15 credits minimum)		
NTR 609A	Seminar in Nutrition [1]	2
NTR 609B	Seminar in Nutrition	2
NTR 625	Gene Expression and Protein Metabolism	2
NTR 626	Energy, Carbohydrate, Lipid Metabolism	2
NTR 627	Antioxidants and Bioactive Food Components	2
NTR 628	Vitamins and Minerals	2
Select one course (3 credits) from the following:		3
ERM 680	Intermediate Statistical Methods in Education	
HEA 604	Quantitative Methods	
STA 661	Advanced Statistics in the Behavioral and Biological Sciences I	
Research Techniques (9 credits minimum)		
NTR 673	Nutrition Research Methodology	3
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
NTR 601	Directed Study in Nutrition	
NTR 623	Current Trends in Nutrition	
NTR 653	Problems in Food and Nutrition	
NTR 670	Research Skill Development	
Electives (7 credits minimum)		
Select one 3-credit course from other NTR courses at the 500- or 600-level [2]		3
Select at least 4 credits from other 500- or 600-level NTR courses or other graduate-level courses [3]		4
Thesis (Capstone Experience) (6 credits)		
NTR 699	Thesis	6
Total Credit Hours		**37**

[1] *2 credits total in* NTR 609A *are required.*

[2] *With approval of the Graduate Advisory Committee.*
[3] *As approved by the student's thesis committee.*

Non-Thesis Option

Required: 40 credit hours minimum

At least 26 credits must be in 600-level courses. The minimum requirements include:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Core (14 credits)		
NTR 609A	Seminar in Nutrition	1
NTR 609B	Seminar in Nutrition	2
NTR 625	Gene Expression and Protein Metabolism	2
NTR 626	Energy, Carbohydrate, Lipid Metabolism	2
NTR 627	Antioxidants and Bioactive Food Components	2
NTR 628	Vitamins and Minerals	2
Select one course (3 credits) from the following:		3
ERM 680	Intermediate Statistical Methods in Education	
HEA 604	Quantitative Methods	
STA 661	Advanced Statistics in the Behavioral and Biological Sciences I	
Research Techniques (6 credits minimum)		
NTR 673	Nutrition Research Methodology	3
Select at least 3 credits from the following:		3
NTR 601	Directed Study in Nutrition	
NTR 623	Current Trends in Nutrition	
NTR 653	Problems in Food and Nutrition	
NTR 670	Research Skill Development	
Electives (20 credits minimum)		
Select at least 20 credits of electives *		20
Total Credit Hours		**40**

* *From other 500-or 600-level NTR courses or other graduate-level courses as approved by the Graduate Advisory Committee.*

Electives

Select at least 20 credits from other 500-or 600-level NTR courses or other graduate-level courses as approved by the Graduate Advisory Committee. 15 elective credits will come from the DI course requirements for those students who are completing the Dietetic Internship requirements as part of their graduate program of study.

Comprehensive Examination

The written examination is offered at specific times each year. Please consult with the Graduate Program Director for the exam date.

Dietetic Internship Concentration

Required: 38 credit hours

Year One		
Fall		**Credit Hours**
NTR 609A	Seminar in Nutrition	1
NTR 607	Nutrition Education	3
NTR 676	Nutrition and Physical Performance	3
HEA 604	Quantitative Methods	3
	Credit Hours	**10**
Spring		
NTR 609B	Seminar in Nutrition	2
NTR 601	Directed Study in Nutrition	2
NTR 623	Current Trends in Nutrition	3
Select one course (3 credits) of electives *		3
	Credit Hours	**10**
Year Two		
Fall		
NTR 602	Supervised Preparation for Professional and Community Engagement	3
NTR 624	Supervised Preparation for Culinary Medicine	3
NTR 693	Supervised Preparation for Practicum in Clinical Dietetics	3
	Credit Hours	**9**
Spring		
NTR 606A	Practicum in Clinical Dietetics	3
NTR 606B	Practicum in Clinical Dietetics	3
NTR 606C	Practicum in Clinical Dietetics	3
	Credit Hours	**9**
	Total Credit Hours	**38**

* *From graduate-level courses in Health Administration, Public Health, Gerontology, Sustainability (*GES 662 Sustainability*), or Business.*

Completion Requirements for Awarding a Verification Statement

Upon completion of all requirements of the M.S. Nutrition, Dietetic Internship Concentration program and graduation clearance from the Graduate School, each intern will be issued an official Verification Statement by the Dietetic Internship Director and will earn eligibility to sit for the national credentialing examination for Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.