About

The Department of Nutrition offers course instruction, research experience, and fieldwork opportunities. The curriculum is designed to train students in the three areas of focus listed below.

- **Human Nutrition and Dietetics** — develops and educates students to work as agricultural extension agents; dietitians in hospitals, long-term care facilities and public health programs; nutrition education specialists; sports nutrition; consultants and entrepreneurs. The Human Nutrition and Dietetics concentration is the Didactic Program in Dietetics and meets the academic requirements of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND). Students completing this concentration meet academic requirements to be eligible to apply to a dietetic internship or preprofessional practice program. The Didactic Program of Dietetics is currently granted approval status by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND).

- **Nutrition Science** — prepares students for entry into medical, dental, chiropractic or graduate school; trains students for research and development in the biomedical, biotechnical, and pharmaceutical industries.

- **Nutrition and Wellness** — provides instruction and experience in the basic nutritional sciences, community nutrition, public health education, and kinesiology, enabling graduates to work in a variety of settings such as voluntary and community health organizations, health care, government, education, and the fitness industry. This concentration also prepares students for graduate training in nutrition, public health education, and kinesiology.

Graduate Study

The Department of Nutrition graduate programs leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees in nutrition both offer specializations in community nutrition and nutrition education, human/clinical nutrition, and cellular and molecular nutrition. Background courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biochemistry, mammalian physiology, and general nutrition are required for all degree programs. Upon entry, a Plan of Study is developed by students and their advisors or Advisory Committees to develop strengths in the area of interest the student has chosen.

Accreditation

The accreditation agency of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). ACEND is recognized by the US Department of Education as a Title IV Gatekeeper. This recognition affirms that ACEND meets national standards and is a reliable authority on the quality of nutrition and dietetics education programs. ACEND is also a member of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA) and abides by its code of good practice.