

NUTRITION AND DIETETICS (PRIOR RD) – MS

This is a one-year (4 quarters) program and begins every Summer Quarter. A research project requirement is included in the curriculum.

Opportunities for a registered dietitian who has completed a master's degree are enhanced by the additional education at the graduate level. By 2024, a master's degree will be required for entry-level employment.

The curriculum is identical to that of the third year of the Nutrition and Dietetics—B.S. and M.S. Coordinated Program in dietetics.

Program learning outcomes

At the end of this program, the graduate should be able to:

1. Plan, process, and perform nutrition-related research while protecting the public;
2. Demonstrate an ability to translate evidence-based literature into formats the lay public can understand, including use of videos, writing articles, and counseling;
3. Evaluate emerging trends in nutrition and give competent, evidence-based answers to the public;
4. Use metabolic pathways to determine patient and client nutritional needs.

Admissions

Admission is based on a selective process. In addition to Loma Linda University (<http://llucatalog.llu.edu/about-university/admission-policies-information/#admissionrequirements>) and School of Allied Health Professions admissions requirements (<http://llucatalog.llu.edu/allied-health-professions/#generalregulation>), the applicant must also complete the following requirements:

- Be a registered dietitian
- Have a 3.0 or above G.P.A.
- Complete an interview (by phone or in person)

Program requirements

Graduate Year		Units
AHCJ 548	Human Resource Management in the Health-Care Environment	3
AHRM 604	Research-Proposal Writing	3
DTCS 526	Pharmacology in Medical Nutrition Therapy	2
DTCS 584	Contemporary Issues in the Dietetic Profession	4
DTCS 589 ¹	Capstone Course in Nutrition and Dietetics	3
DTCS 694	Research	4
EPDM 509	Principles of Epidemiology	3
NUTR 506	Nutritional Metabolism	3
NUTR 510	Advanced Public Health Nutrition	3
NUTR 517	Advanced Nutrition I: Carbohydrates and Lipids	4
NUTR 518	Advanced Nutrition II: Proteins, Vitamins, and Minerals	4
NUTR 519	Phytochemicals	2
	Elective: Any graduate-level course approved by advisor	7

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Total Units:	48

¹ Fulfills service learning requirement

Normal time to complete the program

One (1) year (four [4] academic quarters) at LLU based on full-time enrollment; part time permitted