

DIETETICS GRADUATE PROGRAM

FAST FACTS

- According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, the job outlook for RDNs is expected to rise by 14% (faster than average) in the next ten years
- Our graduates' pass rates for the registered dietitian nutritionist exam exceed the national average
- Develop quantity food production skills in the Carmelita Spencer Foods Laboratory
- Work with RDNs in various community and clinical care settings
- Participate in interactive rotations in food production facilities such as schools, campus dining and hospitals
- Attend state or national Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics conferences

Become a Food and Nutrition Expert

In this program, you will get hands-on experience in community, clinical and foodservice rotations, allowing you the opportunity to develop skills to obtain a successful career in the field of nutrition and dietetics. Students who complete this program are eligible for the registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN) exam.

The program accepts 18 students into each cohort. The program is full time for two academic years and one six-week summer session. Students spend the first two semesters completing coursework and supervised experiential learning in nutrition and dietetics at the university and in the community in Moscow. The summer after the first academic year, students complete supervised experiential learning in or near Moscow, Coeur d'Alene or Boise. Students spend the third semester completing coursework and supervised experiential learning in nutrition and dietetics at the university and in the community in Moscow. During the final semester, students complete supervised experiential learning in or near Moscow, Coeur d'Alene or Boise. Students who are placed at supervised experiential learning sites in Coeur d'Alene or Boise will relocate after the third semester.

A Master of Science in dietetics and a verification statement will be awarded upon completion of program requirements. Program completion requirements will include 57 credits of required course work, a minimum of 1,000 hours of supervised experiential learning, a 3.0 GPA, completion of competency-based assessments at required targets, and at least 80% score on the final comprehensive exam.



University of Idaho

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Application and Admission Requirements

Prerequisite Requirements

Applicants to the Master of Science in dietetics must have earned a bachelor's degree (in any discipline) or be completing the University of Idaho 3 + 2 program [B.S. in food and nutrition](#) and have taken the following prerequisite courses before beginning the Master of Science in dietetics:

- Human Anatomy
- Human Physiology
- Chemistry
- Carbon Compounds or Organic Chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Introduction to Microbiology plus Lab
- Introduction to Psychology
- Pre-Calculus Algebra
- Principles of Statistics
- Human Nutrition
- Nutrition in the Lifecycle
- Advanced Nutrition or Macro and Micro Nutrient Metabolism
- Introductory Foods or Food Science with a lab
- Meal Management or equivalent (this can be taken during the first fall semester of the program)

Students may be enrolled with up to fifteen credits of outstanding prerequisite courses the semester they apply to the program and must demonstrate proof of enrollment in those courses in their application.

Application Requirements

University of Idaho students may apply through the University of Idaho College of Graduate Admissions: [Dietetics — Graduate Admissions](#). Students who do not attend the University of Idaho are required to apply through DICAS: DICAS Application Login Page section — (<https://dicas.cas.myliaison.com/applicant-ux/#/login>).

To begin fall semester, the application priority deadline is December 31. Required application components include:

- Resume
- Statement of Purpose
- Transcripts. Submit transcripts from all colleges and universities attended that contributed to the baccalaureate degree as well as transcripts documenting completion of the prerequisite courses. If prerequisite courses have not been completed at the application deadline, students may demonstrate their enrollment in up to fifteen credits by uploading a screenshot from the college/university website that demonstrates enrollment in the course(s). International students must submit a foreign degree equivalency statement from an approved professional credential evaluation service. Foreign Degree Evaluation Agencies (eatrightpro.org)
- Letters of Recommendation. Applicants need three letters of recommendation. At least one reference should be a non-University of Idaho food and nutrition faculty member. At least one reference should be a supervisor or manager. The third reference can be either a supervisor/manager or a non-University of Idaho food and nutrition faculty member.
- 3.0 on a 4.0 scale overall GPA in undergraduate degree
- TOEFL/IELTS (International Students Only). All international applicants must submit an acceptable, official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score. The minimum score accepted is 79/6.5. International students do not need to submit a TOEFL/IELTS score, if English is an official/native language.
- Interview

Course Requirements

Year 1 Fall (Moscow)

FN 4640	Nutrition Counseling (3)
FN 4700	Quantity Food Production & Equipment (3)
FN 4710	Quantity Food Production & Equipment Lab (2)
FN 4911	Community Nutrition (3)
FCS 5010	Graduate Seminar (1)
Total credits = 12	

Year 1 Spring (Moscow)

FN 4650	Clinical Dietetics (3)
FN 4660	Nutrition Assessment Lab (1)
FN 4920	Nutrition Education (3)
FN 4500	Global Nutrition (3)
ESHS	4550 Design & Analysis of Research (3)
Total credits = 13	

Summer between Year 1 and Year 2 (Moscow, Coeur d'Alene or Boise)

FN 5910	Applied Community Nutrition (5)
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Year 2 Fall (Moscow)

FN 5090	Professional Skills in Dietetics (1)
FN 5650	Nutrition Therapy and Disease (3)
FN 5700	Management and Leadership in Dietetics (3)
FN 5990	Non-Thesis Requirement (2)
FCS 501	Graduate Seminar (1)
STAT 4310	Statistical Analysis (3)
Total credits = 13	

Year 2 Spring (Moscow, Coeur d'Alene or Boise)

FN 5660	Applied Clinical Dietetics (7)
FN 5710	Applied Food & Nutrition Management (7)
Total credits = 14	

The MS Dietetics has no policy for assessing prior learning experiences such as course work or supervised experiential learning hours.

Mission

Through focused excellence in teaching and supervised experiential learning, the University of Idaho Master of Science in dietetics (M.S.D.) comprehensively prepares graduates for practice as a registered dietitian nutritionists (RDN).

Goals

- Graduates will be prepared to successfully complete credentialing and licensing/certifying.
- Graduates will demonstrate high employability in the field of nutrition and dietetics.

Objectives

- At least 80% of program students complete the program requirements within three years (150% of the program length).
- At least 90% of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.
- The program's one-year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%.
- At least 80% of preceptors would theoretically be willing to employ the graduate.
- Of graduates who seek employment, at least 80% are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.
- At least 80% of employers will be "satisfied" when asked about employer satisfaction with graduate's preparation for entry-level practice.

Program outcomes data is available upon request.

Requirements and Process to Become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN)

To be eligible to take the CDR credentialing exam for registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN) one must have completed a minimum of a master's degree granted by a college or university accredited by a U.S. Department of Education (USDE) recognized accrediting agency or foreign equivalent and coursework through an Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) accredited Didactic (DPD), Coordinated (CP), Graduate Program (GP) or Foreign (FDE) program and completed required supervised practice/experience through an ACEND-accredited Dietetic Internship (DI), Coordinated (CP), Graduate Program (GP) or an Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway (ISPP). For more information about educational pathways to become a RDN at [About Accredited Programs](#).

Following completion of program requirements in the ACEND-accredited Master of Science in Dietetics (GP) at the University of Idaho, students will graduate and receive a verification statement. The graduate degree and the verification statement ensure eligibility to take the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) credentialing exam to become a registered dietitian nutritionist. After becoming credentialed, state licensure or certification can be obtained. State licensure must be obtained in Idaho. The graduate is then eligible to work as an entry-level registered dietitian nutritionist.

While state interpretations of statutes may vary, it is ACEND's considered opinion that the program meets the educational requirements for dietetics licensure and certification in all states. However, completing an ACEND-accredited academic program alone does not qualify an individual for licensure or certification as a dietitian in any state. Individuals should review their state's licensing statutes and regulations to understand the specific requirements, including supervised practice and examinations, needed to obtain a dietetics license. More information about state licensure and certification can be found at this link: [State Licensure](#).

Costs

The estimated total cost of attendance for attending the University of Idaho for one academic year (two semester) can be found at www.uidaho.edu/financial-aid/cost-of-attendance.

Academic and Program Calendar

The program is completed in two academic years and one six-week summer session between year one and year two. Supervised experiential learning is required during the summer between the first and second academic year. The fall, winter and spring breaks follow the academic calendar <https://www.uidaho.edu/events/academic-calendar>.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

University of Idaho and federal financial aid can be received in the form of scholarships, loans, grants and/or student employment. More information about the different types of financial aid is available from Student Financial Aid Services or visit www.uidaho.edu/financial-aid.

Scholarships are available through the [Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation](#).

The Master of Science in dietetics is part of the [Western Regional Graduate Program \(WRGP\)](#). Students who are residents in WICHE member states may pay resident tuition rates.

Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

the accrediting agency for the

 Academy of Nutrition
and Dietetics

The University of Idaho's Master of Science in Dietetics is fully accredited through June 30, 2031 under the ACEND Future Education Model Graduate Degree Accredited Standards by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

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