

NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

Master of Science

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The program faculty have been supportive, caring, and really invested in my success.

■ Madeline, current student

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This program is designed for current graduate dietetic interns preparing to become registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs) as well as individuals who are already an RDN and desiring a master's degree that complements existing professional skills. RDNs work in a variety of healthcare, community, food service management, industry and research positions where an understanding of nutritional science and the ability to explain it to the public and specific populations are required.



This program enables students to combine supervised practice (also known as a dietetic internship) with 30 graduate credits to **earn a master's degree within 20 months.**



Effective January 1, 2024, the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) will **require a minimum of a master's degree** in addition to supervised practice to be eligible to take the credentialing exam to become an RDN.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the program requires one of the following:

- Prior or current acceptance into the WMU Dietetic Internship Program. The WMU Dietetic Internship Program uses Dietetic Internship Centralized Application Services (DICAS) for admissions. Using DICAS, applicants are admitted once per year on or near **February 15**.
- Those with RDN status will need to demonstrate
 - Completion of a bachelor's degree from an approved accredited school;
 - Statements verifying completion of a didactic program in dietetics, a coordinated program in dietetics, or a dietetic internship;
 - A minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale of undergraduate work.

Additional materials required:

- A current resume;
- Three letters of recommendation including at least one academic reference;
- Two -page essay that provides the following:
 - Describe experience(s) that influenced your career choice and your desire to return to graduate school.
 - Explain how having an M.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics will advance your career



This program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND).



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