

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Department of Nutritional Sciences offers a professional graduate program designed to provide advanced education to students who seek to become a Registered Dietitian (RD). The M.A. in Nutritional Sciences is a non-thesis program that requires a total of 36 hours of coursework.

Training to become a RD includes specific classroom courses as well as a work experience (called a dietetic internship). Students must complete the M.A. program coursework before starting a dietetic internship (DI). The DI is a separate program that requires an additional admission. Students who are admitted into the M.A. program are given preference for admission into the OUHSC Dietetic Internship. Following completion of the DI, the last step in becoming a RD is passage of the Registry Examination for Dietitians.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission, an applicant must:

- have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university,
- have a 3.0 cumulative GPA on the last 60 hours of coursework applied to the degree or a 3.0 GPA on graded graduate coursework of 12 or more hours,
- have earned a minimum score of 600 (paper-based), or 100 (internet-based) within two years prior to application on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if English is the second language. TOEFL's web address is <http://www.toefl.org>.

ADMISSION PREREQUISITES

Prerequisite courses are offered at most colleges and universities. Check with the Transfer Equivalency Database on the College of Allied Health web page at www.ah.ouhsc.edu or with your school advisor regarding equivalent courses.

Required Prerequisites and Credit Hours

Elements of Psychology
General Chemistry I & lab
General Chemistry II & lab
Human Physiology
Introduction to Biochemistry
Introduction to Microbiology
Introductory Nutrition
Introduction to Sociology or Anthropology
Medical Vocabulary
Organic Chemistry

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Follow the step-by-step process for successful application: <http://www.ah.ouhsc.edu/main/Application/default.asp>.
2. Submit the following by **March 1** for fall admission:
 - a completed University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center application;
 - official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended;
 - non-refundable application fees; and
 - Application materials as requested on the applicant checklist.
3. Students accepted for admission must confirm their intention to enroll and attend with a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit. The deposit is applied toward tuition and fees during the first term.



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ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition is approximately \$175.00 per credit hour for Oklahoma residents. Students may expect additional costs that include, but are not limited to, a personal computer, textbooks, lab fees, insurance, and supplies. Students are required to assume financial responsibilities for expenses associated with clinical requirements. For financial aid information, contact the Financial Aid Office by email at financial-aid@ouhsc.edu or call (405) 271-2118.

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