

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Nutritional Sciences is the study of medical nutrition therapy and nutrition counseling dedicated to improving quality of life by helping people recover from illness and preventing health problems. The program begins in the fall of every year and consists of 64 credit hours of sequenced and integrated didactic and clinical courses. All didactic course work is offered at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City.

Students complete clinical assignments in various facilities throughout the state. The clinical rotations provide a "hands-on" experience of working with patients exhibiting disease states studied in the classroom. The program includes an eight-week Food and Nutrition Services Management Practicum in the summer between the junior and senior year and an eight-week Medical Nutrition Therapy Capstone experience in the last semester of the senior year. Upon successful completion of the required courses, the graduate is eligible to take the Registry Examination for Dietitians.

The following are advantages of the program in Nutritional Sciences at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center:

- become a registered dietitian in a shorter period of time (generally saves six months to one year);
- practice and develop skills while learning;
- be supervised by both college faculty and preceptors from various clinical affiliations; and
- focus on nutrition as a science and as a key component of health promotion, disease prevention, and treatment of disease.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Sixteen students are admitted each year and the program begins in the fall. To be considered for admission, an applicant must:

- have successfully completed, or be in the process of completing a minimum of sixty (60) semester hours of coursework from an accredited college or university prior to matriculation to the program;
- be in good standing with the college or university last or currently attending;
- have a minimum grade point average of a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
- have completed all departmental prerequisite courses with grades of C or better prior to beginning the program; and
- complete the TOEFL for students whom English is a second language and must earn 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). 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

- 2 American Federal Government (3 hrs)
- College Algebra (3 hrs)
- Elements of Psychology (3 hrs)
- 2 Foreign Language: 2 years in high school or 2 semesters in college (same language)
- General Chemistry I (5 hrs)
- General Chemistry II (5 hrs)
- Human Physiology (4 hrs)
- Introduction to Nutrition (3 hrs)
- Introduction to Microbiology + lab (5 hrs)
- Introduction to Sociology or Anthropology (3 hrs)
- Medical Vocabulary (2 hrs)
- 2 Non-western Culture (3 hrs)
- 2 Principles of English Composition I (3 hrs)
- 2 Principles of English Composition II (3 hrs)
- 2 U. S. History (3 hrs)
- 2 Understanding Artistic Forms (3 hrs)
- 1 Upper Division Gen Ed Course (3 hrs)
- 2 Western Civilization & Culture (3 hrs)



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1 is required if applicant has not completed a Bachelor's degree. It is recommended that the applicant take an upper level/division (3000 or 4000 level) non-western culture, western civilization & culture, or understanding art forms class. By taking an upper division course in one of those categories, two prerequisites can be completed with that one class.

2 is not required for applicants that have an Associate of Science or Associate of Arts degree from an Oklahoma college. Not required for applicants that have a Bachelor's degree. Foreign Language 1st and 2nd course are waived for applicants who completed two years in the same language in high school.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. By **March 1** of the year in which admission is sought, follow the step-by-step process for successful application on the following website: <http://www.ah.ouhsc.edu/main/Application/default.asp>.
2. Applicants fulfilling admission requirements are scheduled for an interview and are accepted into the program based on scores derived from five areas: cumulative GPA, science GPA, career goal statement, essay, and personal interview.
3. A letter of acceptance, alternate status, or denial to the program is mailed to the applicant by early June.
4. The applicant must accept or decline the position in writing within two weeks of notification. Alternates are selected according to numerical ranking and may be admitted up to the first day of the fall semester if all positions have not been filled.
5. Students are required to confirm their intention to enroll and attend with a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit which is applied toward tuition and fees during the first term.

ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition is approximately \$132.00 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, send an email to financial-aid@ouhsc.edu or call (405) 271-2118.

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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