

University of the Pacific Master of Science in Clinical Nutrition (MSCN) Program

Graduate Degree

Information to Prospective Students and the Public Checklist (Standard 8, Required Element 8.3)

<p>1. Accreditation status, including the full name, address, phone number, and website of ACEND on the program's website homepage.</p>	<p>The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) released the <i>Future Education Model Accreditation Standards</i> for programs in nutrition and dietetics (see www.eatrightpro.org/FutureModel). The successful completion of all graduate course work and supervised experiential learning will lead to a Master of Science (MS) degree in Clinical and receipt of a Verification Statement. Program graduates will be eligible to take the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) credentialing exam to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.</p> <p>Program graduates should check licensing laws in the state in which they intend to practice.</p> <p>Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics 120 South Riverside Plaza Suite 2190 Chicago, Illinois 60606-6995 Phone (800)-877-1600 ext. 5400 E-mail: acend@eatright.org www.eatright.org/ACEND</p> <p>ACEND is recognized by the United States Department of Education as a Title IV gatekeeper. This recognition affirms that ACEND meets national standards and is a reliable authority on the quality of nutrition and dietetics education programs. ACEND is also a member of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA) and abides by its code of good practice.</p> <p>ACEND will review complaints that relate to a program's compliance with the accreditation standards. ACEND is interested in the sustained quality and continued improvement of dietetics education programs but does not intervene on behalf of individuals or act as a court of appeal for individuals in matters of admission, appointment, promotion or dismissal of faculty or students.</p>
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<p>2. Description of the program, including mission, goals and objectives.</p>	<p>The 16-month program leads to a master’s degree in four trimesters (59 credits) and includes 1,200 experiential learning hours, which fulfill the required practice hours to sit for the Commission of Dietetic Registration’s RDN examination.</p> <p>Below program description on website: The mission of the Master of Science in Clinical Nutrition FG Program is to provide a graduate level, student-centered, interprofessional Nutrition and Dietetics education, that is integrated with leadership, innovative supervised experiential learning and research experiences that prepares students to become skilled and compassionate registered dietitian/nutritionist professionals who practice comprehensive clinical nutrition care using an evidence-based approach.</p> <p>Goal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare graduates to become employed entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs). <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 At least 80% of the students admitted to the program will complete the program requirements within 6 (1.5 x 4 trimesters) trimesters of admission to the program. 1.2 Within 12 months of graduation, at least 90% of program graduates will take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists. 1.3 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 will be at least 80%. 1.4 Of program graduates who seek employment, at least 70% will be employed in nutrition and dietetics or a related field within 12 months of program completion. 1.5 During their first year of employment, program graduates will be ranked by at least 80% of employers who respond to our employer survey as “satisfactory” or better in professional knowledge and skills as compared to the expected competency of entry-level RDNs. <p>Goal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Prepare graduates who participate in interprofessional practice and apply an evidence-based approach to practice. <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 During their first year of employment, 100% of program graduates who respond to our graduate survey will report participating in interprofessional education of client and patient-centered care activities during the 16-month program. 2.2 During their first year of employment, 100% of program graduates who respond to our graduate survey will report how they will routinely use current evidence-based research in professional practice.
<p>3. A statement that program outcomes data are available on request.</p>	<p>Statement to add: The Master of Science in Clinical Nutrition FG Program outcomes are available upon request.</p>

<p>4. Information about the requirements and process to become a registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN), including education, supervised experiential learning, passage of the RDN credentialing exam and state certification/licensure, if applicable; and how the program fits into the process.</p>	<p><u> Becoming a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist </u> Educational and professional requirements Effective 1/1/2024, a master's degree will be required to take the Commission on Dietetic Registration RDN credentialing exam:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete master's degree at a U.S. regionally accredited university or college or foreign equivalent, and coursework through an Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) accredited Future Graduate (FG) program. For a list of accredited programs, see www.eatrightpro.org/acend. 2. Complete required supervised practice/experience through an ACEND Future Graduate (FG) Program. Information on ACEND-accredited programs at www.eatrightpro.org/acend. 3. Passed a national examination administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR). For more information regarding the examination, refer to CDR's Website at www.cdrnet.org. 4. To maintain the credential, an RDN must complete continuing professional educational requirements. 																																						
<p>5. Cost to student, such as estimated expenses for travel, housing, books, liability insurance, medical exams, drug testing, background checks, verification of student identity (such as for distance learning), uniforms and other program-specific costs/fees, in addition to any institutional fees and tuition.</p>	<table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>MSCN PROGRAM COSTS (Estimated)</th> <th>2019-2020 (per trimester)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tuition per trimester</td> <td>\$15,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Application Fee (one time only)</td> <td>\$50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Graduate ASUOP Student Fee</td> <td>\$30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wellness Center Fee</td> <td>\$165</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Textbooks and Reference Materials</td> <td>~\$550-\$600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Professional Liability Insurance</td> <td>No cost to student</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Health Insurance</td> <td>Available at \$1,671 per year if needed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Auto Insurance</td> <td>Varies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Physical Examination, Immunizations (MMR, Chicken pox, Hepatitis A, Flu) and TB test⁴</td> <td>\$200 (flu and TB test renewed annually)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Background check and drug screen</td> <td>\$120</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Housing/Meals/Transportation</td> <td>\$4,000 (depends upon location and if accommodations are shared)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Student Membership/CAND Student Membership</td> <td>\$58/year (free for student Academy members)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Professional Development/Conference Attendance (FNCE/CAND or similar)</td> <td>\$1,000 (optional)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RDN exam review course</td> <td>\$400 (end of program)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parking</td> <td>There is no cost for parking on the Sacramento campus. There may be a cost to one or more affiliated supervised experiential learning sites.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Graduation Fee</td> <td>There is no graduation fee.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Estimated Total Costs per Trimester</td> <td>\$19,745-\$19,795</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Estimated Total Costs for the Program (4 Trimesters)</td> <td>\$78,980-\$79,180</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	MSCN PROGRAM COSTS (Estimated)	2019-2020 (per trimester)	Tuition per trimester	\$15,000	Application Fee (one time only)	\$50	Graduate ASUOP Student Fee	\$30	Wellness Center Fee	\$165	Textbooks and Reference Materials	~\$550-\$600	Professional Liability Insurance	No cost to student	Health Insurance	Available at \$1,671 per year if needed	Auto Insurance	Varies	Physical Examination, Immunizations (MMR, Chicken pox, Hepatitis A, Flu) and TB test ⁴	\$200 (flu and TB test renewed annually)	Background check and drug screen	\$120	Housing/Meals/Transportation	\$4,000 (depends upon location and if accommodations are shared)	Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Student Membership/CAND Student Membership	\$58/year (free for student Academy members)	Professional Development/Conference Attendance (FNCE/CAND or similar)	\$1,000 (optional)	RDN exam review course	\$400 (end of program)	Parking	There is no cost for parking on the Sacramento campus. There may be a cost to one or more affiliated supervised experiential learning sites.	Graduation Fee	There is no graduation fee.	Estimated Total Costs per Trimester	\$19,745-\$19,795	Estimated Total Costs for the Program (4 Trimesters)	\$78,980-\$79,180
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<p>6. Application and admission requirements for all tracks for which the program is accredited.</p>	<p>https://www.pacific.edu/academics/schools-and-colleges/school-of-health-sciences/programs/clinical-nutrition.html <u>Admission Process Timelines</u> Matriculation: August 2020 Application Window: March 1, 2020 – July 1, 2020 Class Selection: Ongoing until August 2020 Expected Graduation: December 2021</p>																																						

7. Academic and program calendar or schedule.	<p>The MSCN Program has applied for <i>Candidacy</i> status with ACEND. Students accepted into the MSCN program will complete graduate didactic course work during all four trimesters (FA-1, SP, SU, FA-2) and SCPE work during the last three semesters (SP, SU, FA-2) and will follow the academic calendar during this time frame. All courses and SPCE are offered face-to-face except for the didactic courses in the last 3 trimesters six course are offered as six-week hybrid courses. Scheduled holidays during the academic year include Labor Day, Thanksgiving Break, and Winter Break, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Spring Break, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.</p> <p>For additional information about the university calendar, visit https://www.pacific.edu/academics/schedules</p>
8. Graduation and program completion requirements for all tracks for which the program is accredited.	<p style="text-align: center;">MSCN Program Completion Requirements</p> <p>To receive the Master of Science degree in Clinical Nutrition a Verification Statement to sit for the national dietitian registration exam, students must do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • successfully complete all required coursework with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. • successfully complete supervised experiential learning rotations, hours, and competencies (students must earn a C or better on assignments within courses to demonstrate competency) • meet all financial responsibility to the University; • complete all program requirements within five years; • apply for graduation; • complete the graduation checkout process. <p>The remainder of the information in the Student Handbook is ordered alphabetically.</p>
9. Availability of financial aid and loan deferments (federal or private), scholarships, stipends and other monetary support, if applicable.	<p>The Financial Aid Office is available to assist graduate students with federal student loans such as FAFSA, Federal Unsubsidized Loans and Graduate PLUS Loan. There are numerous external scholarships and fellowships available for graduate students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GoGRAD • FastWeb • GradSchools.com • GoodCall <p>https://www.pacific.edu/admission/graduate-programs/financial-aid.html</p> <p>Graduate students must be enrolled in at least 4 units to be considered for financial aid assistance. Important: Students cannot be considered for aid until the FAFSA application is completed. https://www.pacific.edu/about-pacific/administration/offices/office-of-financial-aid/scholarships-grants-loans-and-work-study-student-loans.html</p>
10. Requirements and expectations related to distance education.	<i>Not applicable</i>
11. If students are required to locate their own supervised experiential learning sites and/or preceptors, requirements for this must be described.	<i>Not Applicable</i>