



Master of Science

CLINICAL NUTRITION

Program Overview

The program will prepare students with or without academic and career experience in nutrition to work in the expanding scope of dietetics/nutrition practice in a variety of health care settings. As part of the university's School of Health Sciences in Sacramento, students will participate in interprofessional

practice through an evidence-based approach. Graduates will become nutritionists who are prepared to take the Registered Dietetics Nutritionist (RDN) examination with an appreciation for the biopsychosocial factors that contribute to the health and wellness of clients and community.

FAST FACTS

Sacramento

Campus

59

units

16

months (full-time)

Rolling

admission
March 1 priority

Fall

trimester start

Hybrid

online and classroom

GRE

not required

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This program provides premier, student-centered, evidence-based nutrition knowledge and skills through innovative and interprofessional education, leadership and competency-based, experiential practice. Program graduates will be health professionals committed to advanced nutrition practice, lifelong learning, leadership and service to people.

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Clinical Nutrition Program Director

Curriculum

The MCSN hybrid program offers an entry-level graduate degree that combines in-person academic coursework, online coursework and supervised clinical practice rotations. The 16-month (full-time, four trimester) program includes 1,200 experiential learning hours that fulfill the required clinical practice hours for eligibility to take the Commission of Dietetic Registration's RDN examination.

Faculty

Students will benefit from close working relationships with highly trained faculty who are leaders in the field. Faculty mentor students to develop leadership and critical thinking skills to be successful in the program and their careers. Additionally, faculty from other health science programs will support the curriculum in their areas of expertise.

Tuition and Financing

Tuition and fees are set annually. The per-unit graduate tuition rate for the 2020–21 academic year is \$1,000 plus applicable fees.

Graduate students who are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens may apply for federal student loans. Please contact our Office of Financial Aid at financialaid@pacific.edu for more information about financing options.

The MCSN program is seeking national accreditation through the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) and currently has candidacy status. Following ACEND accreditation timelines, the program will submit a comprehensive self-study document in December 2019, host a scheduled site visit in spring 2020 and receive notification of the accreditation decision in spring 2020. Candidacy status is neither a status of accreditation nor a guarantee that accreditation will be granted.

More information on the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) and its accreditation standards is available on the ACEND website. These accreditation standards integrate didactic coursework with supervised clinical practice experience in a competency-based curriculum designed to prepare nutrition and dietetic practitioners for future practice. Program graduates will be eligible to take the Commission of Dietetics Registration (CDR) credentialing exam to become Registered Dietitian Nutritionists. You can request additional information from by emailing ACEND@eatright.org or calling 800.877.1600, ext. 5400.

OUTCOMES

Graduates will be highly trained registration-eligible dietitian/nutritionists (RDN) for leadership position in health care, education, nutrition systems management, research, community, sports and public health, government, professional organizations and industry.

REQUIREMENTS

The following are required for admission through the Graduate Centralized Application Service (GradCAS):

- Completion of a U.S. DPD or all of the prerequisite courses listed on the program website* or Bachelor's degree in any field and completion of all program prerequisites
- Official transcripts
- Personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation

For more information, please visit:

 [go.Pacific.edu/Nutrition](https://go.pacific.edu/Nutrition)