



## GRADUATE COORDINATED PROGRAM IN DIETETICS

The Graduate Coordinated Program in Dietetics (GCPD) combines graduate studies (MS, MPH, PhD) with an Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (via ACEND) accredited internship that is required to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN). Graduates of the program are prepared for careers in the clinical and public health setting. After degree completion, students are eligible to sit for the RD exam. Degrees are offered through the Food Systems, Nutrition, and Health Program (formerly the Nutritional Sciences Program) within the UW School of Public Health.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Graduate Coordinated Program in Dietetics (GCPD) is to develop competent entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists with a strong foundation in public health and clinical nutrition, who are prepared to think critically, apply research to practice, navigate ambiguity, and work to reduce inequities and improve nutrition outcomes.

### PROGRAM GOALS

- › The program will prepare competent entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists who think critically and apply research to nutrition & public health practice.
- › GCPD graduates will recognize how social inequities undermine health and will consider equity and inclusion in their decision-making process.

### DEGREES & CONCENTRATIONS

**MPH RDN:** Students seeking this degree complete the Public Health Concentration.

**MS RDN:** Students seeking this degree complete the Medical Nutrition Therapy Concentration.

**PhD RDN:** Students seeking this degree work closely with faculty advisors to design a program to meet their career goals.

### INTERNSHIP

As an ACEND Accredited program, the GCPD provides 1000+ hours of supervised practice in the following rotations: inpatient clinical, outpatient counseling, WIC/pediatric experience, management, food service, and Medical Nutrition Therapy or Public Health concentration. Sites include UW Medicine hospitals & clinics, Public Health – Seattle & King County, Department of Health, and various public health organizations. UW offers four Maternal & Child Health Bureau Trineeships for in-depth study of pediatric nutrition.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- › Apply to both the Food Systems, Nutrition, and Health Program (FSNH) for the degree, and the GCPD for the dietetic coursework and internship
- › FSNH prerequisites: Nutrition, Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Physiology
- › GCPD prerequisites: Psychology, Microbiology, Management in Nutrition Services, and Food Science
- › GPA: >3.00
- › Our average student does not have an undergraduate degree in nutrition; however, we do accept students who have completed a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD).

### GCPD BY THE NUMBERS

- › 4 quarters of graduate courses
- › 14 students in each cohort
- › 1000+ hours of supervised practice
- › 100% one-year pass rate on the RD exam

### ACCREDITATION STANDARDS & COMPETENCIES

The Graduate Coordinated Program in Dietetics is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). ACEND is recognized by the United States Department of Education as the accrediting agency for education programs that prepare dietetics professionals.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## **MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH** (PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION)

### *Year 1 Autumn 16 credits*

NUTR 513 Food and Society (2)  
NUTR 520 Nutrition and Metabolism I (4)  
PHI 511 Foundations of Public Health (3)  
PHI 512 Analytic Skills for Public Health I (7)

### *Year 1 Winter 13-16 credits*

NUTR 512 United States Food Systems Policy (3)  
NUTR 521 Nutrition and Metabolism II (4)  
NUTR 536 Education Principles & Practice (2) \*  
NUTR 558 Foundations of Dietetics (1) \*  
PHI 513 Analytic Skills for Public Health II (3)  
PHI 514 Determinants of Health (3)

### *Year 1 Spring 14-16 credits*

NUTR 526 Maternal and Pediatric Nutrition (3)  
NUTR 560 Counseling for Chronic Disease (2) \*  
NUTR 562 Nutrition and Chronic Disease (4)  
PHI 515 Implementing PH Interventions (4)  
PHI 516 Public Health Practice (3)

### *Year 2 Autumn 8-15 credits*

NUTR 531 Public Health Nutrition (3)  
NUTR 532 Fieldwork in PH Nutrition (1)  
NUTR 559 Clinical Dietetics Practice (3) \*  
NUTR 563 Nutrition in Acute Care (4) \*  
NUTR 596 Nutrition Practice Capstone (4)\*\*

### *Year 2 Winter 10 credits*

NUTR 561 Practice Experience (10) \*

### *Year 2 Spring 10 credits*

NUTR 561 Practice Experience (10) \*

### *Year 2 Summer 10 credits*

NUTR 561 Practice Experience (10) \*

### *Credits not tied to a specific quarter:*

NUTR 500 Food Systems Seminar (1)  
NUTR 595 Master's Practicum (6)  
Electives (5)  
Master's Thesis (9)\*\*

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE** (NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES)

### *Year 1 Autumn 14 credits*

BIOST 511 Medical Biometry (4)  
EPI 511 Introduction to Epidemiology (4)  
NUTR 513 Food and Society (2)  
NUTR 520 Nutrition & Metabolism I (4)

### *Year 1 Winter 8-11 credits*

HSERV 579 Structural Racism and Public Health (1)  
NUTR 512 United States Food Systems Policy (3)  
NUTR 521 Nutrition and Metabolism II (4)  
NUTR 536 Education Principles & Practice (2) \*  
NUTR 558 Foundations of Dietetics (1) \*

### *Year 1 Spring 10-12 credits*

NUTR 514 Sust. Food Systems for Public Health (3)  
NUTR 526 Maternal and Pediatric Nutrition (3)  
NUTR 560 Counseling for Chronic Disease (2) \*  
NUTR 562 Nutrition and Chronic Disease (4)

### *Year 2 Autumn 7-14 credits*

NUTR 531 Public Health Nutrition (3)  
NUTR 559 Clinical Dietetics Practice (3) \*  
NUTR 563 Nutrition in Acute Care (4) \*  
NUTR 596 Nutrition Practice Capstone (4)\*\*

### *Year 2 Winter 10 credits*

NUTR 561 Practice Experience (10) \*

### *Year 2 Spring 10 credits*

NUTR 561 Practice Experience (10) \*

### *Year 2 Summer 10 credits*

NUTR 561 Practice Experience (10) \*

### *Credits not tied to a specific quarter:*

NUTR 500 Food Systems Seminar (1)  
Electives (5)  
Master's Thesis (9)\*\*

\* GCPD Only

\*\* MPH and MS students choose from either a practice-based capstone or a research-based thesis