The combined Master of Science in Nutrition & Dietetics/Dietetic Internship (MS/DI) at the University of Delaware is designed to prepare entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists through engagement in the methods, implementation and interpretation of nutrition science, and to apply and advance the field of nutrition through research, clinical, management, or community areas of practice. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will receive a Master of Science degree in Nutrition and Dietetics and a Verification Statement certifying eligibility to sit for the Commission on Dietetic Registration’s Registration Examination for Dietitians. The MS/DI program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND).

Requirements

Applicants must submit all application materials in order to be considered for admission. Admission to this program is competitive. Those who meet stated requirements are not guaranteed admission, nor are those who fail to meet all requirements necessarily precluded from admission if they offer other appropriate strengths as determined by the Nutrition Graduate Programs Committee and Intern Selection Committee. Students are admitted based on enrollment availability, and their ability to meet the following minimum entrance requirements:

- A Bachelor’s Degree in Dietetics and/or Nutrition and a Verification Statement from an ACEND-accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD)
- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (on a 4-point scale)
- Minimum combined GRE score (Quantitative + Verbal) of 297
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of at least 600, TOEFL IBT score of at least 100
- Recent relevant work experience beyond that required for undergraduate course requirements (may be either paid or volunteer)
- A Medical Nutrition Therapy course completed no more than four years prior to application

Program Applications

Applications for the Preselect Round (open to University of Delaware DPD students or graduates only) are due January 16.

- Applications for any remaining spots are due February 15 (computer matching round)
- Materials required for application include:
  - DICAS application submitted at https://portal.dicas.org/
  - University of Delaware graduate application for the Nutrition and Dietetics/Dietetic Internship MS program (http://grad.udel/apply/)
  - Official transcripts
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- Official GRE scores
- A minimum of 3 letters of recommendation (it is recommended that two be from academic references)
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- Personal statement
- Application checklist
- If applying during the computer matching round, registration with D&D Digital (www.dnddigital.com)

Program of Study

The Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics/Dietetic Internship (MS/DI) is a 39-credit program designed to be completed in two years. Students are expected to complete graduate coursework during winter session and summer session of year one before beginning the dietetic internship program in year two. Internship faculty plan the supervised practice rotations in and near the State of Delaware.

Year One

- 25 credits of course work
- 12 credits core nutrition courses
- 3 credits program planning & evaluation
- 3 credits statistics
- 3 credits nutrition elective course
- 3 credits elective course
- 1 credit nutrition seminar
- 2 credits evidence based project
- Comprehensive exam

Year Two

- Min. 1,200 hours supervised practice (8 credits)
- Min. 532 hours clinical nutrition
- Min. 304 hours foodservice management
- Min. 266 hours community nutrition
- Min. 114 hours elective
- 4 credits nutrition courses

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