

M.S.in Nutrition Sciences Program Handbook

Welcome

Congratulations on beginning your graduate education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and welcome to the Department of Kinesiology & Nutrition Sciences, M.S. in Nutrition Sciences Program. We hope that you will have many positive experiences and interactions during your time with us, and we hope that we can effectively assist you in your growth and development.

Mission Statement

The mission of the UNLV M.S. in Nutrition Sciences degree is to provide program graduates with the skills and knowledge to be proficient nutrition scientists. For those seeking the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) credential, the program aims to prepare comfortable and competent nutrition and dietetics professionals capable of providing excellent nutrition and dietetic services in numerous community, food service, management, and clinical settings. The program will provide an evidence-based curriculum with a translation to professional practice.

Purpose

The purpose of this handbook is to provide program

Program Description & Subplan (Official degree requirements may be found in the Graduate Catalog)

Subplan 1: Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics (ON HOLD)

Subplan 2: General Nutrition Sciences Non-Thesis

Subplan 3: General Nutrition Sciences Thesis

The program will provide an evidence-based curriculum with a translation to professional practice. This degree will satisfy the possession of a master's degree requirement for the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) National Registration Examination for Dietitians. This degree alone will not qualify an individual to sit for this exam and earn the RDN credential; students still need to successfully complete an ACCE-accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) and an ACEN-accredited Dietetic Internship Supervised Practice Program (DI). The Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics Subplan will provide students with the opportunity to complete the ACEN-accredited Dietetic Internship Supervised Practice Program and earn the MS degree at the same time. This subplan is currently on hold for admission.

This Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics Subplan requires that prospective students earn and submit a Verification

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strongly encouraged to have a faculty member identified (cooperatively) to serve as their mentor/advisor prior to application to the program. However, this is not a necessary condition for



assigned GA duties. (Please see the [Graduate Assistantship Handbook](#) on the [Graduate College website](#).)

Culminating Experience

defense Please see the [Graduate Catalog](#) for defense policies.

Program Timeline

Subplan 1: Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics This program is 2.5 years in length and includes the required dietetic internship supervised practice experience of 1040 hours (NUTR 796, 797, 798 or NUTR 799 for pre-approved part-time students).

Subplan 2: General Nutrition Sciences Non-Thesis and Subplan 3: General Nutrition Sciences Thesis: It is anticipated that these subplans will require four semesters of graduate student enrollment at 6 to 9 credits per semester. A student may accelerate the timeline by taking additional credits during the summer semesters. Professional Code of Ethics/Discipline Guidelines

UNLV Graduate College policy regarding academic integrity can be found in the [UNLV Graduate Catalog](#) and found at the [UNLV Office of Student Conduct](#) webpage. Students in the M.S Nutrition Sciences Program who hold the RDN credential or are pursuing the RDN credential also must abide by the [Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Code of Ethics](#) and must agree to take the [Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Pledge of Professional Civility](#).

Annual Review Procedures

Your advisor will evaluate your progress at the end of each semester. You may, at any time, request a meeting with your advisor to discuss any issues, problems, or concerns. We strongly encourage you to communicate with your advisor on a regular basis.

Annual Mandatory Individual Development Plan:

Each winter break and early spring term, graduate students are required to complete the Graduate Student Individual Development Plan (IDP) form [Formerly known as the Student Annual Review]. The review covers the prior calendar year and assesses student progress and it establishes reasonable goals for the year ahead.

Faculty Advisors/Graduate Coordinators have the option to provide feedback to each student's submitted IDP and provide acknowledgement that they have reviewed the IDP.

Reported student data is shared with students' graduate coordinators and advisors to foster opportunities for discussion about students' strengths and weaknesses, accomplishments, and next requirements, and mentoring plans so that students know what they need to do in order to progress successfully through their programs in a timely manner.

Students who are graduating are also required to complete the form in order to record their achievements since the data is also used

- Please contact your department graduate coordinator if you need assistance. Make an appointment to meet your advisor to discuss your program plans and requirements.

Step 2: Work with your advisor to select a Graduate Advisory Committee

- Your committee should have the expertise to guide you in your culminating experience.
- Your committee must consist of a chair from your department, at least two other faculty from your department, and one Graduate College representative from a different department at UNLV.
- While the Graduate College representative is there to ensure a fair process, it is often desirable to choose someone with expertise or interest in your subject area.

Note that committee chairs, members, and Graduate College representatives on advisory committees must have appropriate graduate faculty status and permission. Step 3: Submit Appointment of Advisory Committee Form

- If after establishing a Graduate Advisory Committee and submitting the [Appointment of Advisory Committee Form](#) there is need to change the composition of the committee, the student should complete and submit the [Change in Advisory Committee Form](#) to the Graduate College immediately. Both of these forms are available in the Grad Rebel Gateway.

Step 4: Submit Plan of Study Form Parts I and II

- It is required that you submit the Plan of Study Form Parts I and II before applying for graduation, but it is strongly recommended that you submit the form once you are about halfway through your g2 TD (2 TD (2 Tn4v)3 (aila)10 (b)20.0034 (n.d)-a(u)-3.9 (EMC ET /Artiy)

- You must be enrolled in at least three graduate-level credits the semester that you graduate. Completing courses from prior semesters with X or I grades will not be counted toward the graduation enrollment requirement.
- Late application requests should be sent to grad.rpc4@unlv.edu. If approved, the student will also be responsible for paying an additional late fee of \$20.
- Learn more about [graduation application and instructions](#)

Step 7: Announce the time, date, and location of your defense

- Defenses are public and must be advertised (date, time, location) on campus. Instructions on how to announce your defense can be found on [this document](#). All defenses must be publicized through the Graduate College two weeks prior to the defense; please email defense announcements to gradrebel@unlv.edu
- After you have sent your defense announcement to the Graduate College, it will be entered into both the Graduate College and University Events Calendars. After it has been entered, you will receive email confirmation. If you need to cancel or reschedule your defense, please contact our office as soon as possible to ensure that you meet all your deadlines.

Step 8: Defend Culminating Experience (Professional Paper/Accompanying Project or Thesis)

- Be sure that you hold your defense no less than three weeks prior to the last day of instruction. Each semester we post a last day to defend your thesis deadline on our website [here](#).
- All theses must be submitted to [iThenticate](#) for a similarity check prior to submission of the final document to the Graduate College. A copy of the similarity report must be submitted to the student's advisory committee prior to the final defense, and will be taken into account when determining the outcome of the defense. If the student passes their defense, the first page of the text only summary report must be uploaded to the Culminating Experience Results form in the Grad Rebel Gateway before submission to the Graduate College.

Step 9: Submit Culminating Experience Results Form

- For students completing a thesis, taking final exams, completing professional papers, or doing other approved culminating experiences, you must submit the results of your oral defense, final exam or project defense immediately after you receive them or it is

Step 10: Thesis Format Review

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- [Academic Policies](#)
- [Admission and Registration Information](#)
- [Degree Progression Policies & Procedures](#)

In addition, the [Graduate College website](#) contains additional information regarding policies and procedures.

Nothing in this

Handbook Information

Date of Action	by	Comments
6/1/17	LauraKruskall	Providedto GraduateColleges
9/28/17	LauraKruskall	Updatedstatementon role of programin RDN credentialing
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