



## Master of Science in Human Nutrition and Dietetics

### Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) Option

One of the career options for students pursuing the Master of Science in Human Nutrition and Dietetics (MS in HND) is to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN). Starting in January 2020, the MS in HND program will provide a DPD option approved by the Accreditation Council on Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). The DPD option satisfies the first step towards becoming an RDN. The steps to become an RDN are:

1. Receive a verification statement from an ACEND-accredited program (DPD programs are one way to receive a verification statement)
2. Apply for and complete an ACEND-accredited supervised practice dietetic internship or Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway program
3. Pass a national examination administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR)

Please visit <https://www.eatrightpro.org/about-us/become-an-rdn-or-dtr/high-school-students/5-steps-to-become-a-registered-dietitian-nutritionist> for more information.

**Students wishing to complete the DPD option in the MS in HND are required to take an additional 3 courses** beyond the 39 credit hours in the MS in HND curriculum. These 3 additional courses include:

- ✓ **HCM 3150 Health Care Organization and Management (3 credits)**
- ✓ **RST 1200 Basic Cooking Skills (RST 1550 Food Fundamentals) (3 credits)**
- ✓ **NUT 4300 (NUT 490B) Management in Dietetics (3 credits) – prerequisite is RST 1200 (RST 1550)**

The above 3 courses can be completed prior to starting the MS in HND program (i.e., during the completion of prerequisites) or after a student has started the MS in HND coursework.

**The MS in HND + DPD option is a total of 48 credit hours of coursework.** See below for an example MS in HND + DPD coursework integration plan.

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## Example MS in HND + DPD Coursework Integration Plan - Fall Start

Fall – Year 1	
August – October	NUT 5000 Introduction to Graduate Studies (1)
	NUT 5010 Macronutrients in Health and Disease (3)
October – December	NUT 5011 Vitamins, Minerals, and Bioactive Compounds in Health and Disease (3)
	NUT 5020 Maternal and Child Nutrition (3)
<b>Total: 10 credits</b>	

Spring – Year 1	
January – March	NUT 5030 Advanced Assessment and Intervention in Clinical Nutrition (3)
	NUT 5050 Global and Cultural Topics in Nutrition (3)
March – May	NUT 5031 Advanced Clinical Practice Topics (3) {prerequisite: NUT 5030}
	NUT 5040 Nutrition Research Design and Evaluation (3)
<b>Total: 12 credits</b>	

Summer – Year 1	
June – July	NUT 5060 Nutrition Communication Strategies (3) {prerequisites: NUT 5040 & 5050}
	RST 1200 Basic Cooking Skills (RST 1550 Food Fundamentals) (3)***
<b>Total: 6 credits</b>	

Fall – Year 2	
August – October	NUT 5070 Programmatic and Systematic Prevention Approaches I (3)
	NUT 5080 Nutrition Seminar (1)*
October – December	NUT 5071 Programmatic and Systematic Prevention Approaches II (3) {prerequisite: NUT 5070}
	NUT 4300 (NUT 490B) Management in Dietetics (3)*** {prerequisite: RST 1200 (RST 1550)}
<b>Total: 10 credits</b>	

Spring – Year 2			
January – March	NUT 5080 Nutrition Seminar (1)*	January – May	HCM 3150 Health Care Organization and Management (3)***
	NUT 5090 Nutrition Research Practicum I (3) ** {prerequisite: NUT 5040}		
March – May	NUT 5091 Nutrition Research Practicum II (3)** {prerequisite: NUT 5090}		
<b>Total: 10 credits</b>			

\*course must be taken twice    \*\*courses must be taken in consecutive terms    \*\*\* MS in HND + DPD option additional coursework