



GRADUATE PROGRAM IN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

University of the District of Columbia

Program Description

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A New Day and a New Opportunity

Nutrition/Dietetic Graduate Program at the University of the District of Columbia

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS (GPND)

The Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, University of the District of Columbia proposes to establish a *new* Graduate Program in Nutrition/Dietetics. The Program in Nutrition/Dietetics is intended for individuals interested in careers as public policy advocacy, community education; policy analysis, public policy evaluators and lobbyists, researchers; and managers of health service delivery organizations and systems, managed-care programs, and other population-based organizations. In congruence with the motto of the University of the District of Columbia “*A NEW DAY AND A NEW OPPORTUNITY*” the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, which currently houses the ten year accredited DPD Program has designed an innovative educational Graduate Program. The program also provides opportunities for students of diverse educational backgrounds locally, nationally and internationally to enter the graduate program to meet academic requirements for RD credentialing eligibility.

The *mission* of the Nutrition and Food Science Program at the University of the District of Columbia is to educate students majoring in nutrition and related disciplines and other fields to become leaders in the field of nutrition and public policy. The Graduate Program in Nutrition/ dietetics is committed to providing students with a broad based culturally sensitive education to prepare them to promote public policies related to nutrition that will affect the well being of individual and groups locally, nationally and internationally.

Philosophy

The mission of this program is to educate students majoring in nutrition and related disciplines and other fields to become leaders in the field of nutrition and public policy.

Goals: The program’s specific goals are:

1. To recruit and offer opportunity for ethnically diverse students to complete their dietetic education that culminates

in a graduate degree in Dietetics/Nutrition

2. Graduate students with advocacy skills needed to shape public policy related to nutrition issues and health disparities in minorities.
3. To retain and empower ethnically diverse students who will complete the graduate program in nutrition.
4. To attract national and international students of diverse backgrounds to the new Graduate Program in dietetics at the University of the District of Columbia.

The Graduate Program in Nutrition/Dietetics (GPND) at the University of the District of Columbia will be a new and innovative, dynamic Master of Science program that will broaden the scope of learning and teaching in the discipline of nutrition. The program will provide a strong foundation in science and research, technology and information systems, and the scientific knowledge of nutrition with emphasis on public policy and communication. The program will focus on training health professionals to serve the health and nutritional needs of urban and international populations and to be leaders in effecting needed regulations and laws to reduce health disparities. In keeping with the university’s open admission policy, all qualified applicants majoring in nutrition, related fields, and other disciplines who are desirous of participating in the program will be admitted.

Welcome to UDC

The University of the District of Columbia is the only public institution of higher education in the District of Columbia and the only urban land-grant institution in the nation. Chartered in 1974, the University was consolidated in 1977 from three other institutions of higher learning -- *the District of Columbia Teachers College, the Federal City College, and the Washington Technical Institute*. This Historically Black College/University (HBCU) maintains an open

admissions policy, allowing all students with a high school diploma or G.E.D. to enter and work towards meeting the criteria for entrance into the academic programs. The University currently offers over 75 undergraduate and graduate academic degree programs through the following college and schools: the College of Arts and Sciences; the School of Business and Public Administration; the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences; and the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law. Additionally, the University's public service arm, the Division of Community Outreach and Extension Services (COES), offers a variety of practical, nonacademic educational programs and training to the citizens of the District of Columbia. The Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences offers the undergraduate and the graduate programs in Nutrition/Dietetics.

Graduate Program in Nutrition/Dietetics

The anticipated time required for a student to complete the Dietetic Graduate Degree in Nutrition and Dietetics is 2 years. The Graduate Program will require 32 credit hours.

General Admission requirements to UDC can be accessed on www.udc.edu.

Any student interested in the graduate Program in Dietetics should apply. Application information is available on our web page: www.udc.edu/nutrition.

Applications are considered on the basis of qualification of each applicant without regard to race, color, creed, sex or national origin.

Students seeking admission to the Graduate program have to fulfill the general Admission policies of the University. Any student locally or nationally, interested in the graduate Program is eligible to apply and will have to submit the following:

- Application Form
- Application Fee
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- GRE Score- Success on the Graduate Record Examination
- Satisfactorily completed a baccalaureate degree in nutrition/related field from an accredited university
- A minimum cumulative GPA of ≥ 3.0

- An official copy of the transcript of the applicant's academic undergraduate record. If the student attended more than one college/university attach copies of transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
- An essay as to how the student will contribute to improving the health status of the population by getting involved with the legislative process
- International students should provide evaluation by World Education Services.

The Graduate Program will not admit any students that are unprepared for the graduate program. Students completing the accredited DPD Program will be eligible to apply for graduate program. Students holding degrees in majors other than nutrition are expected to complete the DPD knowledge requirements prior to applying to the Graduate Program. All applications to the Graduate Program will undergo a two-phase review process. Phase 1: Evaluation by the Graduate Selection Committee and Phase 2: Personal Interview. The model for the new program is attached at the end for information.

Program curriculum

The two-year curriculum described below outlines the conceptual information that will deem necessary for a successful career in Nutrition and Dietetics. Students selected for the program work with leading experts in all areas of public health as they apply their education to real life scenarios. The program is designed to provide an opportunity for students of Nutrition and Dietetics to gain exposure to state-of-the-art public health information while furthering their knowledge and skills. The curriculum will be thoroughly reviewed annually to update the program. The curriculum outlined below is designed to be a multi-disciplinary course work taught mostly by the graduate faculty of the University of the District of Columbia.

The New Graduate Program will require 32 credit hours. The entire first year offers course work and the second year will comprise of course work, research and thesis submission

Program Curriculum (32 Credits)

PSYC 534	Group Design and Intervention	3
NFSC 501	Nutritional Epidemiology	2
URST 515	Politics: Public Policy and Health Issue	3
PMGT 519	Public Policy Development and Implementation	3
MATH 551	Probability and Statistics	3
NFSC 520	Pharmacology for Nutrition Professional and Medical Nutrition Therapy III	3
NFSC 530	Medical Nutrition Therapy IV	3
MMED 521	Mass Media for Public Administration	3
2213 511	Leadership in Organizations	3
NFSC 650	Nutrition Research Methods and Thesis	2
BIOL 690	Molecular Biology (Lec)	3
BIOL 691	Molecular Biology (lab)	1

Additionally the following electives are recommended

NURS	Ethics for Healthcare Professionals	3
NFSC 694	Contemporary Issues in Nutrition (visiting professor/Dr. Ganganna)	2
	Any other 500 level Course	

PROGRAM TUITION FEES

Tuition and Fee schedule for graduate program

Resident

Credit hours	Tuition	Fees	Total
1	\$ 225	\$ 310	\$ 535
2	\$ 450	\$ 310	\$ 760
3	\$ 675	\$ 310	\$ 985
4	\$ 900	\$ 310	\$ 1,210
5	\$ 1,125	\$ 310	\$ 1,435
6	\$ 1,350	\$ 310	\$ 1,660
7	\$ 1,575	\$ 310	\$ 1,885
8	\$ 1,800	\$ 310	\$ 2,110
9	\$ 2,025	\$ 310	\$ 2,335
10	\$ 2,250	\$ 310	\$ 2,560
11	\$ 2,475	\$ 310	\$ 2,785
12	\$ 2,700	\$ 310	\$ 3,010
13	\$ 2,925	\$ 310	\$ 3,235
14	\$ 3,150	\$ 310	\$ 3,460

Non-resident

Credit hours	Tuition	Fees	Total
1	\$ 350	\$ 310	\$ 660
2	\$ 700	\$ 310	\$ 1,010
3	\$ 1,050	\$ 310	\$ 1,360
4	\$ 1,400	\$ 310	\$ 1,710
5	\$ 1,750	\$ 310	\$ 2,060
6	\$ 2,100	\$ 310	\$ 2,410
7	\$ 2,450	\$ 310	\$ 2,760
8	\$ 2,800	\$ 310	\$ 3,110
9	\$ 3,150	\$ 310	\$ 3,460
10	\$ 3,500	\$ 310	\$ 3,810
11	\$ 3,850	\$ 310	\$ 4,160
12	\$ 4,200	\$ 310	\$ 4,510
13	\$ 4,550	\$ 310	\$ 4,860
14	\$ 4,900	\$ 310	\$ 5,210

The University of the District of Columbia does not offer housing facility. The above tuition fee does not include food, housing, personal expenses, books, meeting costs, and material expenses.

Application Procedure:

1. Complete application for admission to graduate school. For application materials, contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at (202)274-6333
2. Have graduate Record exam (GRE) scores forwarded by educational Testing Service (ETS) to the Office of Graduate Admissions, University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Building 39, Room A-14. Also, include a photocopy of your scores in your admission packet. You may register on-line to take GRE-<http://www.gre.org/>
3. Forward an official transcript from each college or university attended. A minimum GPA of 3.00 on the last 80 undergraduate hours is required. You must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on required Science prerequisites, with no grade lower than "C" in any of those courses. The courses include:
 - a. General Chemistry I and II, Lec and Lab
 - b. Organic Chemistry I and II, Lec and Lab

- c. Biochemistry Lec and Lab
- d. Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Lec and Lab
- e. General Microbiology, lec and Lab
4. Enclose the undergraduate certificate
5. Request recommendations letters from three professional persons, each of whom is qualified to provide information regarding the applicant's character, academic ability and leadership potential. Recommendations should be sealed, signed across the seal by the person providing the recommendation, and included by the applicant in the application packet. Note that persons providing recommendations may be contacted by the Graduate Program Director to provide further information or for clarification.
6. Submit a letter of application in the applicant's handwriting.
7. Enclose the application fee of \$ 75.00 in the form of a check or money order made payable to University of the District of Columbia. Please do not send cash.
8. Items 3-8 should be submitted to: Graduate Admissions, University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Building 39 , Room A-14.

Any questions

Questions related to the Graduate Program in Dietetics at the Department of biological and environmental Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, university of the district of Columbia should be addressed to:

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MODEL FOR ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM AT UDC



