



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 (RD). 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 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 the applied science of nutrition, and provide training to integrate research into practice, support leadership development and enable graduates to assume careers in dietetics.

PROGRAM GOALS

- The Program will prepare competent entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists who are able to apply evidenced based nutrition research to their practice in a variety of settings.
- GCPD Graduates will be prepared to assume leadership roles in nutrition, dietetics, and public health.

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 1200+ hours of supervised practice in the following rotations: clinical, ambulatory, WIC, community, management, food service, and Medical Nutrition Therapy or Public Health concentration. Sites include Harborview Medical Center, UW Medical Center, Northwest Hospital, Valley Medical Center, and various community-based organizations.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Apply to both the Nutritional Sciences Program (NSP) for the degree, and the GCPD for the dietetic coursework and internship
- NSP prerequisites: Nutrition, Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Physiology
- GCPD prerequisites: Psychology, Microbiology, Management in Nutrition Services, and Food Science
- GPA: >3.00
- GRE Score: >50th percentile
- 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). Students with a DPD verification form waive out of Food Safety & Health (NUTR 545).

GCPD BY THE NUMBERS

- 4 quarters of graduate courses
- 14 students in each cohort
- 1200+ 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.

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CURRICULUM

First Autumn

EPI 511	Introduction to Epidemiology <i>4 credits</i>
HSERV 510	Social & Behavior Sciences in Health Program Planning & Implementation (MPH only) <i>3 credits</i>
HSERV 579	Structural Racism & Public Health <i>1 credit</i>
NUTR 500	Seminar <i>1 credit</i>
NUTR 513	Food and Society <i>2 credits</i>
NUTR 520	Nutrition & Metabolism I <i>3 credits</i>
NUTR 529	Nutrition & Research Design <i>2 credits</i>
NUTR 561A	GCPD Seminar <i>1 credit</i>

First Winter

BIOST 508	Biostatistical Reasoning for the Health Sciences <i>4 credits</i>
HSERV 511	Introduction to Health Services & Public Health (MPH only) <i>3 credits</i>
NUTR 521	Nutrition and Metabolism II <i>3 credits</i>
NUTR 531	Public Health Nutrition <i>5 credits*</i>
NUTR 545	Food Safety and Health <i>3 credits</i>

First Spring

ENV H 511	Environmental and Occupational Health (MPH only) <i>4 credits</i>
NUTR 522	Nutrition and Metabolism III <i>3 credits</i>
NUTR 562	Nutrition & Chronic Disease <i>4 credits</i>
NUTR 536	Nutrition Education Principles and Practice <i>2 credits</i>
NUTR 560	Nutrition Counseling <i>2 credits</i>

First Summer, GCPD Only

Supervised Practice/Practice Experience *3 Weeks*

Second Autumn

NUTR 526	Maternal and Pediatric Nutrition <i>4 credits</i>
NUTR 563	Nutrition and Acute Care <i>4 credits</i>
NUTR 559	Orientation to Clinical Practice <i>3 credits</i>

Second Winter/Spring/Summer, GCPD Only

NUTR 561	Practice Experience/Internship <i>10 credits per quarter</i>
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MPH & MS Students complete the following credits not tied to a specific quarter

NUTR 596/700	Capstone/Thesis <i>9 credits</i>
NUTR 532	Fieldwork (MPH students) <i>1 credit</i>

* Credit increase pending approval

Note: PhD students complete additional coursework and research

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH (MCH) TRAINEESHIPS

Four federally funded nutrition traineeships offering interdisciplinary leadership training with an emphasis on nutrition are available to advanced Nutritional Sciences graduate students. Students from the MS, MPH, or PhD tracks who are Registered Dietitians or are in the second year of the GCPD are eligible to apply.

- **Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH) Program:** LEAH provides interdisciplinary training to care for the health and well-being of adolescents through education, research, program and service model development, evaluation, and dissemination of best practices.
- **Leadership Education for Neurodevelopment Disorders (LEND) at the Center on Human Development & Disability (CHDD):** LEND provides interdisciplinary training using a family-centered approach to care for children with special health care needs.
- **Pediatric Pulmonary Center (PPC):** PPC offers leadership training with an interdisciplinary approach to care for children with pulmonary health conditions.
- **Western MCH Nutrition Partners:** Prepares public health trainees for leadership roles in nutrition education, service, research, policy and advocacy for mothers, families, children and youth.