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: should be >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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November 2018
CURRICULUM

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

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

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

First Summer, GCPD Only
Supervised Practice/Practice Experience 3 Weeks

Second Autumn
NUTR 526  Maternal and Pediatric Nutrition 4 credits
NUTR 563  Nutrition and Acute Care 4 credits
NUTR 559  Orientation to Clinical Practice 3 credits

Second Winter/Spring/Summer, GCPD Only
NUTR 561  Practice Experience/Internship 10 credits per quarter

MPH & MS Students complete the following credits not tied to a specific quarter
NUTR 596/700 Capstone/Thesis 9 credits
NUTR 532  Fieldwork (MPH students) 1 credit

* 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.