



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/pediatric experience, 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).

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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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.