Information for Master of Nutrition and Dietetics
Course at UC

The Master Degree of Nutrition and Dietetics (course number 713AA, 2 years full-time or part-time equiv) provides dietetic training for students who have graduated from the UG Human Nutrition degree at UC (or equivalent from another university). The course content includes professional practice and a specialised coursework program of study. This course is HECS subsidised for domestic students and full-fee paying for international students http://www.canberra.edu.au/student-services/fees.

The Masters of Nutrition and Dietetics course is accredited with the Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA). Graduates are qualified as Dietitians, are eligible for membership of DAA, and are qualified in therapeutic nutrition (e.g. dietary intervention and management of diet-related disorders).

Professional experience:

Professional experience occurs during the course of the Master of Nutrition and Dietetics program. The professional experience aspects are undertaken in public hospitals and community health centres in the ACT and surrounding regions. Professional experience is not necessarily restricted to standard University semesters. This professional experience aspect usually occurs across a half year (equivalent of some 24 full-time weeks), and requires a full-time commitment from students.

In these environments, students are expected to meet the competency standards of professional experience/practice set by of the Professional Association, the Dietitians' Association of Australia, to complete the requirements of a dietetics course. Students who do not pass the professional experience component may apply for transfer to another PG nutrition course at UC, with credit for subjects passed.

Immunisation and Police checks:

All students are required to undergo a Police Record Check (cost around $36) and to present a documented immunisation history and confirm full immunisation prior to undertaking professional experience. These are mandatory requirements of the ACT Department of Health (i.e. ACT Health).

All students are required to undertake two weeks of intensive preparation for clinical & food service placements. These are conducted after the successful completion of clinical theory exams in semester 4.
Entry requirements and selection criteria:

Places for dietetic education and training are limited by the availability of professional practice placements and are highly competitive. A grade point average of at least a credit is the minimum entry requirement.

A master degree is the recommended level of entry for those students who already have a Graduate Certificate or Diploma in Nutrition-related courses from UC (or equivalent), OR who are transferring from other Universities OR who are seeking a more specialised and higher level qualification.

Pre-requisites for entry into the Master of Nutrition and Dietetics include:
- a minimum of a Bachelor of Science/Applied Science (or related allied-health degree
- with at least a full year of study of Human Biochemistry and
- a full year of study of Human Anatomy and Physiology.

Bridging subjects are available for those students from other science–related courses who do not fully meet the pre-requisites for admission. Professional development activities in nutrition or related areas may also be taken into account and should be included in your letter of application which accompanies your application.

Additional admission requirement

An overall Academic IELTS band score of 7 with no component less than 6.

Application for selection:

Selection for the Master of Nutrition and Dietetics (M Nutr Diet) involves the following selection criteria:
- academic performance, plus the required pre-requisite studies
- a 500 word statement/letter of application on why you believe you can contribute to the profession of dietetics
- two referee reports (a referee document will be provided)
- an interview process may also occur.

Applications close on 30th October every year