

Master of Nutrition and Dietetics (772AA.6)

Please note these are the 2023 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	PG
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	2.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Health
Discipline	Discipline of Nutrition and Dietetics
UAC code	880830
English language requirements	<p>There are non-standard English language requirements for this course. To be eligible you must have an Overall Academic IELTS score of 7.0 with no band score less than 7.0. For alternate/equivalent ways of meeting the English requirements for this course please view the English Proficiency Requirements document on the university website.</p> <p>View IELTS equivalences</p>

International students

Academic entry requirements	<p>To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page.</p>
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CRICOS code	049506C
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About this course

Grow your nutrition career from the inside out

If you're serious about nutrition and influencing the dietary needs of an ever-expanding and aging population, then the UC Master of Nutrition course will give you the necessary skills and qualifications to have your ideas influence change at the local and national level.

As part of this course, you'll use your existing knowledge and experience to plan and execute a research project of your choice and then participate in 20 weeks of full-time workplace education to help bring this project to life - all with full support and encouragement from academic and industry experts and mentors.

Depending on your research topic, this placement will take place in hospitals, community centers or food service departments - all settings which offer a unique opportunity to gain frontline experience and network with industry professionals.

Also, the UC Master of Nutrition and Dietetics course is the only course in Australia which also offers all graduating students an additional 4-week internship where you be actively encouraged to broaden your networks and explore employment opportunities at the same time.

It's time to take control of your career direction. It's time to register your interest in the UC Master of Nutrition and Dietetics course now.

Study a Master of Nutrition and Dietetics AT UC and you will:

- develop additional knowledge, skills, and attitude to examine health within the framework of nutrition
- understand the application of nutrition in a socio-cultural, pathophysiological and biochemical health context
- cultivate critical thinking skills, problem-solving skills and apply evidence-based approaches to address a nutrition-related health issue
- demonstrate expert communication skills to transfer complex nutrition knowledge to a variety of audience
- develop autonomy and self-direction in progressing your learning and professional development
- gain the necessary scientific background and specific knowledge and skills to address concepts and opinions relating to human nutrition
- identify the links between nutrition, health, and disease at different life stages
- address ways to improve the delivery of nutritional information.

Work Integrated Learning

This course also includes up to 24 weeks of full-time workplace education in a range of settings including the public health sector, hospitals, food services or in the community.

All work completed during this placement will count towards your end of course assessment and is part of the UC Faculty of Health's commitment to helping students gain valuable hands-on experience; and build life-long industry contacts and relationships while they are studying at UC.

Career opportunities

A UC Master of Nutrition and Dietetics graduate is recognised as possessing the necessary skills, experience and qualifications to become an Accredited Practising Dietitian. This accreditation is also accepted globally and opens doors to a range of jobs in a variety of industries including:

- hospitals
- community health centers
- private practice
- government departments
- the food industry
- media
- education
- research.

Course-specific information

Prior to undertaking any clinical placement students will be required to:

- undertake a National Police Check
- obtain a Working with Vulnerable People registration
- provide your immunisation history
- have a qualification in First Aid including CPR.

Professional accreditation

This course has been accredited by Dietitians Australia.

Admission requirements

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- A) a completed bachelor degree in human nutrition
- B) two degree level units in chemistry
- C) four degree level units in human biology and human physiology
- D) two second year degree level units in biochemistry
- E) four degree level units in food and nutrition science

Applicants must also provide a written statement of less than 500 words on why you believe you can contribute to the profession of dietetics. Citing references is not required. This provides the opportunity to inform the selection committee of your reasons for undertaking this course, to include any work experience and skills, and to include other relevant factors. The university reserves the right to seek further information relating to your letter of application.

Additional admission requirements

Limited Commonwealth-supported places (CSPs) are available for this course and will be awarded on academic merit. To be considered for a CSP, please submit your application by 31 October 2024. Eligible applicants will be notified from 15 November 2024. The University will continue to issue fee-paying (FEE) offers until this date, offers for any eligible CSP applicants will be updated accordingly.

Assumed knowledge

None.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2025	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	03 February 2025	✓	✓
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	16 February 2026	✓	✓
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	15 February 2027	✓	✓

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules and university policy](#).

Course requirements

Master of Nutrition and Dietetics (772AA) | 48 credit points

Required - Must pass 42 credit points as follows

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Counselling and Communication for Dietitians PG (8250) | 3 credit points — Level P

Food Service Management PG (8660) | 3 credit points — Level P

Clinical Dietetics Practicum PG (8661) | 12 credit points — Level P

Community Nutrition Practicum PG (8663) | 6 credit points — Level P

Clinical Dietetics 1 PG (9297) | 3 credit points — Level P

Clinical Dietetics 2 PG (9298) | 3 credit points — Level P

Food Service Management Practicum PG (9299) | 3 credit points — Level P

Nutrition and Dietetics Internship PG (9301) | 3 credit points — Level P

Community and Public Health Nutrition PG (9468) | 6 credit points — Level P

Assessment of Dietetic Competence PG (10137) | 0 credit points — Level P

Restricted Choice - 6 credit points as follows

Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Research Project in Allied Health PG (8260) | 3 credit points — Level P

Research Project in Health PG (9592) | 3 credit points — Level P

- From Semester 1 2018 unit 8260 has been replaced by unit 9592 Research Project in Health PG. Students who have not previously completed 8260 must complete 9592.

Part B - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Research Planning PG (6486) | 3 credit points — Level P

Epidemiology and Principles of Research PG (9594) | 3 credit points — Level P

- Students who have completed Epidemiology and Principles of Research at undergraduate level must complete 6486 Research Planning PG.

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Accelerated Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Clinical Dietetics 1 PG \(9297\)](#)

[Community and Public Health Nutrition PG \(9468\)](#)

[Epidemiology and Principles of Research PG \(9594\)](#) OR [Research Planning PG \(6486\)](#)

Semester 2

[Clinical Dietetics 2 PG \(9298\)](#)

[Counselling and Communication for Dietitians PG \(8250\)](#)

[Food Service Management PG \(8660\)](#)

[Research Project in Health PG \(9592\)](#)

Winter Term

[Community Nutrition Practicum PG \(8663\)](#)

Year 2

Practice 1

[Clinical Dietetics Practicum PG \(8661\)](#)

[Food Service Management Practicum PG \(9299\)](#)

Practice 6

[Assessment of Dietetic Competence PG \(10137\)](#)

Note: Dependent on placement timing, students will undertake unit 10137 Assessment of Dietetic Competence in Period 6, 9 or 10.

Practice 7

[Nutrition and Dietetics Internship PG \(9301\)](#)

Note: Dependent on placement timing, students will undertake unit 9301 Nutrition and Dietetic Internship PG in Practice 7, 10, 11 or 12.

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Clinical Dietetics 1 PG \(9297\)](#)

[Community and Public Health Nutrition PG \(9468\)](#)

Epidemiology and Principles of Research PG (9594) OR Research Planning PG (6486)

Semester 2

[Clinical Dietetics 2 PG \(9298\)](#)

[Counselling and Communication for Dietitians PG \(8250\)](#)

[Food Service Management PG \(8660\)](#)

[Research Project in Health PG \(9592\)](#)

Year 2

Practice 1

[Clinical Dietetics Practicum PG \(8661\)](#)

[Community Nutrition Practicum PG \(8663\)](#)

[Food Service Management Practicum PG \(9299\)](#)

Practice 6

[Assessment of Dietetic Competence PG \(10137\)](#)

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Practice 7

[Nutrition and Dietetics Internship PG \(9301\)](#)

Note: Dependent on placement timing, students will undertake unit 9301 Nutrition and Dietetic Internship PG in Practice 7, 10, 11 or 12.

Standard Part Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Clinical Dietetics 1 PG \(9297\)](#)

Epidemiology and Principles of Research PG (9594) OR Research Planning PG (6486)

Semester 2

[Clinical Dietetics 2 PG \(9298\)](#)

[Research Project in Health PG \(9592\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Community and Public Health Nutrition PG \(9468\)](#)

Semester 2

[Counselling and Communication for Dietitians PG \(8250\)](#)

[Food Service Management PG \(8660\)](#)

Year 3

Practice 1

[Clinical Dietetics Practicum PG \(8661\)](#)

[Community Nutrition Practicum PG \(8663\)](#)

[Food Service Management Practicum PG \(9299\)](#)

Practice 6

[Assessment of Dietetic Competence PG \(10137\)](#)

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Practice 7

[Nutrition and Dietetics Internship PG \(9301\)](#)

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Course information

Course duration

Standard 2 years full time or part-time equivalent. Maximum 6 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Demonstrate the skills and knowledge required to critically evaluate the provision and management of food services in a health care setting.	<p>Communication: ability to present knowledge, ideas and opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries.</p> <p>Working independently and with others: ability to plan their own work, be self-directed, and use interpersonal skills and</p>

	<p>attitudes to work collaboratively.</p> <p>Professionalism and social responsibility: capacity and intention to use professional knowledge and skills ethically and responsibly, for the benefit of others and the environment.</p>
Develop knowledge of key aspects of nutrition and dietetics necessary for the delivery of competent nutritional care to individuals and groups	<p>Communication: ability to present knowledge, ideas and opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries.</p> <p>Working independently and with others: ability to plan their own work, be self-directed, and use interpersonal skills and attitudes to work collaboratively.</p> <p>Professionalism and social responsibility: capacity and intention to use professional knowledge and skills ethically and responsibly, for the benefit of others and the environment.</p>
Plan and execute a defined research project, and demonstrate competence in applying scientific method to the research process.	<p>Communication: ability to present knowledge, ideas and opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries.</p> <p>Analysis and inquiry: ability to gather information, analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way.</p> <p>Problem solving: ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations; to identify and analyse problems then formulate and implement solutions.</p> <p>Working independently and with others: ability to plan their own work, be self-directed, and use interpersonal skills and attitudes to work collaboratively.</p> <p>Professionalism and social responsibility: capacity and intention to use professional knowledge and skills ethically and responsibly, for the benefit of others and the environment.</p>
Demonstrate a sound understanding and the necessary skills to	<p>Communication: ability to present knowledge, ideas and</p>

conduct a needs assessment, plan, implement, and evaluate nutrition programs in a community or population group.

opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries.

Working independently and with others: ability to plan their own work, be self-directed, and use interpersonal skills and attitudes to work collaboratively.

Professionalism and social responsibility: capacity and intention to use professional knowledge and skills ethically and responsibly, for the benefit of others and the environment.

Placements requirements

This course requires students to meet compulsory placement requirements prior to undertaking professional placement (Work-Integrated Learning) in a clinical or professional setting. For information on what these requirements are and how to meet these requirements, please visit www.canberra.edu.au/placement

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Master of Nutrition & Dietetics	M Nutr&Dietet

Alternative exits

Graduate Certificate in Human Nutrition

Graduate Diploma in Human Nutrition

HLC002 Graduate Certificate in Health Studies

HLG002 Graduate Diploma in Health Studies

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
Current and Commencing Students	Please contact the Faculty of Health faculty office, email student.centre@canberra.edu.au
Prospective International Students	Email international@canberra.edu.au or Phone +61 2 6201 5342

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.