

Nutritional Sciences

The Master of Science Degree in Nutritional Sciences includes the following options: Nutritional Health Care and Food and Nutrition. These options provide diverse opportunities in the educational preparation of nutritionists and dietitians, and at the same time meet specific needs of individuals and groups. The academic program consists of a minimum of thirty-six (36) semester hours. Candidates, with the consent of their advisors and according to their professional interests, are permitted to enroll in courses in related fields.

It is preferred that students entering either of the options have an undergraduate degree in Food and Nutrition, however, students with a Bachelor of Science degree in other areas will be admitted.

Option 1: Nutritional Health Care

This option prepares students to enter various professional programs in the health field, as well as to function effectively as members and/or leaders of interdisciplinary health teams.

Option 2: Food and Nutrition

This option provides in depth knowledge of the physiological and biochemical aspects of nutrition. The role of social and economic factors as determinants of nutritional practices in relation to physical wellbeing is emphasized. Currently, supply and demand employment data indicate the Nutritional Sciences options are among those in greatest demand for health care professionals. The options have specialized course and lab work necessary to attain required competency levels for various specializations within the field.

The Curriculum

CORE COURSES: 18 Hours

ED 500 Introduction of Data Analysis	3
ED 501 Understanding Educational Research	3
EDIT 530 Instructional Technology	3
NS 537 Maternal and Child Nutrition	3
NS 538 Nutrition and Aging	3
NS 531 Advanced Nutrition Laboratory	3

OPTION: NUTRITION & HEALTH CARE (NHC)

NS 536 Clinical Experience in Dietetics	3
NS 539 Nutrition & Mental Retard & Dev Disorders	3

OPTION: FOOD AND NUTRITION (F&N)

NS 516 Nutrition and Health	3
NS 535 Community Nutrition	3

APPROVED ELECTIVES: 6 Hours

THESIS or PROBLEM IN LIEU OF THESIS

NS 600 Thesis, Part I	3
NS 601 Thesis, Part II	3
NS 602 Problem in Lieu of Thesis, Part I	3
NS 603 Problem in Lieu of Thesis, Part II	3

Subject Matter Comprehensive Examination