MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NUTRITION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Master of Science in Nutrition is designed to prepare students for careers in the field of nutrition, including opportunities in management, clinical dietetics, biological sciences, public health nutrition, and research. Students will gain advanced training in nutrition science and clinical decision making, as well as enhanced skills in designing and interpreting research studies.

Note that completing a Master of Science in Nutrition at UNM will NOT qualify you to take the registered dietitian (RD) exam. If you wish to become an RD, please apply to the post-baccalaureate Didactic Program in Dietetics: http://coe.unm.edu/uploads/docs/ife/nutrition/PostBac-Nutr-rev-1-2012.pdf.

Admissions Standards:
Admission to the Master of Science in Nutrition Program is competitive. We consider a variety of criteria in making admissions decisions, including your academic record, standardized test scores, recommendation letters, dedication to the pursuit of additional training and skills in nutrition and potential for productive graduate study and research. Call 505-277-4535 with questions.

You must have, at minimum:

- A bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university in the United States or its equivalent in another country. As stated above, an undergraduate major in nutrition/dietetics or a closely related field is desirable.
- A cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (B) or its equivalent from your last two undergraduate years (upper division courses) and in your major field.
- If you do not have an undergraduate degree in nutrition/dietetics, you must demonstrate that you have taken all of the following undergraduate courses (43 credits) to be considered for admission: General Chemistry (CHEM 121L), Integrated Organic & Biochemistry (CHEM 212), General Biology (BIOL 121L or BIOL 123L), Human Anatomy/Physiology I/II and Labs (BIOL 237, 238, 247L, 249L), Microbiology for Health Sciences (BIOL 239L), Human Nutrition (NUTR 244), Energy Nutrients in Human Nutrition (NUTR 344), Vitamins & Minerals in Human Nutrition (NUTR 345), and Medical Nutrition Therapy I/II (NUTR 427, 428). Principles of Food Science (NUTR 330L) may be taken after admission to the program. Equivalent courses from another institution may be substituted as approved by Nutrition faculty. It is expected that at least a B (3.0) will be earned in each prerequisite course.
- Note: If the bachelor’s degree in nutrition or the prerequisites were completed more than 5 years before admission, the faculty will review the prerequisites. The student may be required to complete one or several prerequisites as updates/refreshers.

Application Process:
You must apply online through the University of New Mexico’s Office of Admissions: http://www.unm.edu/apply/

Deadlines for application:
Screening of applications will begin: for admission Fall/Summer semester - February 1; Spring semester - October 1. Applications received by these dates will be given best consideration for admission and financial assistance.

Deadlines for application: for admission Fall semester - May 1; Spring semester - November 1; Summer session - April 1
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| Test Scores                | The General GRE is required and must be less than 10 years old. We recommend that you meet the following minimum GRE score criteria in preparation for graduate study: New scoring system (tests taken on or after August 1, 2011)  
  • Verbal Reasoning: 145 (~25th percentile)  
  • Quantitative Reasoning: 145 (~25th percentile)  
  • Analytical Writing: 3.5 (~30th percentile) Old scoring system (tests taken before August 1, 2011)  
  • Verbal Reasoning: 380 (~25th percentile)  
  • Quantitative Reasoning: 530 (~25th percentile)  
  • Analytical Writing: 3.5 (~30th percentile) |
| Letter of Intent           | Your letter of intent should describe:  
  • Your background: your qualifications for graduate study, including academic achievements/accomplishments and specific learning or work experiences that demonstrate your potential to successfully complete a graduate degree in nutrition.  
  • Your specific interests: clinical nutrition, community/public health nutrition, management, biochemistry, health education, research, etc.  
  • Your motivation and objectives for pursuing graduate study in nutrition: what are your short term and long term academic and career goals? Your letter of intent can be addressed to the Nutrition Graduate Program Committee. |
| CV/Resume                  | A current CV or resume is required. |
| Assistantship Interest     | Please state if you would be interested in a teaching and/or research assistantship. |
| Recommendations            | Three letters of recommendation are required, at least two of which should be from course instructors/professors. Letters of recommendation are submitted online through the application process. |