

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

Department: Family and Consumer Sciences (<https://catalog.bradley.edu/graduate/education-health-sciences/family-and-consumer-sciences/>)

Graduate Program Director
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The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences offers a Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics degree. The program integrates didactic coursework with supervised experiential learning in a competency-based curriculum that is designed to prepare nutrition and dietetics practitioners for future practice. Successful completion of the program will lead to a master's degree and students will be eligible to sit for the national registration exam for dietitians.

Mission

The mission of the Bradley University Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics Program is to prepare competent, entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists who advocate for equitable and sustainable nutritional health among families and communities.

The Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics program has received Accreditation status from the:

Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)
120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190
Chicago, IL 60606-6995
(1-800-877-1600)

Program Goals

1. Graduates are prepared for careers as registered dietitian nutritionists.
2. Graduates are prepared to advocate for equitable and sustainable nutritional health among families and communities.

Admission Requirements

Admission into the Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics Program requires a GPA of 3.0. Admissions will also be based upon the program application forms, which includes a personal statement, official transcripts, and letters of recommendation. Please see the program website for details.

- Must have a bachelor's degree
- Prerequisites (Must be completed prior to admission or with conditional admission where students must complete coursework at Bradley prior to starting program):
 - Anatomy and Physiology (minimum of 6 hours)
 - Introductory Nutrition (minimum of 3 hours)
 - Food Manager Certification (ServSafe or equivalent)
 - Medical terminology (or ability to pass exam prior to admission)

Admission to the program is contingent upon admission by Graduate and International Admissions. Admissions criteria for Graduate Education can be viewed on Bradley University's Graduate Catalog.

Graduation Requirements

Students must successfully complete all 40 hours of graduate coursework, earning a B or better in each course and supervised experiential learning requirements including documentation of attainment of competencies through evaluations and assignments, as well as a comprehensive case study assessment.

Total hours: 40 hours

The Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics program requires a total of 40 credit hours. This includes 34 credit hours of required courses and 6 credit hours of electives.

Required Courses (40 Hours)

Code	Title	Hours
FCS 500	Human Metabolism	3.0
FCS 501	Community Nutrition Intervention	2.0
FCS 502	Seminar in Dietetics	1.0
FCS 503	Behavior Change Theories	1.0
FCS 504	Motivational Interviewing	1.0
FCS 505	Therapeutic Food Development	2.0
FCS 506	Influencing Health Choices: Strategies and Tools	2.0
FCS 507	Nutrition Assessment	1.0
FCS 508	Management in Food Service	3.0
FCS 509	Nutrition Support	1.0
FCS 511	Medical Nutrition Therapy I	3.0
FCS 512	Medical Nutrition Therapy II	3.0
FCS 514	Sustainable Food Systems	2.0
FCS 541	Research Methods	2.0
FCS 695	Supervised Experiential Learning in Food Service Management	2.0
FCS 696	Supervised Experiential Learning in Community Dietetics	2.0
FCS 697	Supervised Experiential Learning in Clinical Dietetics	3.0

Elective Courses

Select six hours from the following approved options for electives (pending availability): 6.0

COU 540	Human Growth and Development Across the Lifespan
COU 586	Counseling Diverse Populations
COU 607	Neurocounseling: Bridging Brain and Behavior
COU 620	Professional Counseling Orientation and Ethical Practice
COU 622	Counseling: Ethics and the Law
COU 623	Pre-Practicum in Counseling
COU 624	Theories and Techniques of Counseling
FCS 510	Topics in Global Wellness (Study abroad in London - additional costs apply)
FCS 513	Cultural Influences in Food and Nutrition
FCS 518	Older Adult Nutrition
FCS 519	Beyond Weight
FCS 550	Foundations Play
FCS 551	Child Nutrition
FCS 552	Nutrition in Pregnancy and Lactation

FCS 585	Topics in Family & Consumer Sciences
FCS 586	Supervised Research in Family and Consumer Sciences
FCS 595	Supervised Experiential Learning
FCS 596	Supervised Experiential Learning in Maternal/Child Nutrition
NPL 580	Financial Leadership in Nonprofit Organizations
NPL 581	Topics in Nonprofit Leadership
NPL 582	Grant Writing in Nonprofit Leadership
NPL 583	Supervision and Employee Engagement in Nonprofit Leadership
NPL 605	Legal and Social Change
NPL 606	Digital Media Applications for the Nonprofit Leader
NPL 610	Survey in Nonprofit Leadership
NPL 612	Strategic Planning in Nonprofit Organizations
NPL 673	Effective Leadership in Nonprofit Organizations
NUR 533	International Health and Nursing
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Total Hours	40