Medical Nutrition (Graduate Certificate)

Nearly one-third of all deaths in the U.S. are linked to unhealthy diets and obesity. Using nutritional therapy --- a low-risk, low-cost, highly effective intervention for the prevention, risk reduction and treatment of illness --- you can help change that statistic.

Program description

Degree awarded: Certificate Medical Nutrition (Certificate)
The certificate program in medical nutrition allows working health care professionals to acquire practical nutrition knowledge that can be immediately implemented in practice.

Students learn to discuss diet therapies, supplement use and nutritional concepts with their patients and clients. Students also gain in-depth knowledge of evidence-based nutrition research and the role of nutrition in managing chronic disease.

At a glance

- College/School: College of Health Solutions
- Location: Online

Degree requirements

15 credit hours

Required Core (15 credit hours)
NTR 510 Food and Nutrition Across the Lifespan (3)
NTR 511 Medical Nutrition in the Care and Prevention of Disease (3)
NTR 524 Chronic Inflammation and Metabolic Syndrome: The Common Pathway for Cardiovascular Disease, Diabetes (3)
NTR 525 Complementary Nutrition (3)
NTR 535 Nutrigenomics (3)

Admission requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Health Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in health, science or a related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. professional resume or curriculum vitae
4. one reference (academic)
5. personal statement
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency.

Before starting the program, applicants are expected to have completed courses in introductory nutrition (NTR 100 or NTR 241 or equivalent) and physiology (BIO 160 or BIO 202 or equivalent).

The personal statement (one or two pages) should address the applicant's interest in the program and how the program will impact their professional goals, and describe the applicant's strengths and weaknesses that may influence their performance in the program.

Contact information for one reference is required. The reference will be contacted via email to respond to a series of questions about the applicant. The reference should be academic, such as a professor or instructor.

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.
Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program's ASU Online page for program descriptions and to request more information.

Application deadlines

Fall
Spring
Summer

Career opportunities

This program is designed for current practitioners or to supplement another field of study in health-related disciplines. Graduates obtain an edge in a competitive job market with a certification in a growing area of health care. This program may be of interest to:

- chiropractors
- nurse practitioners
- physical therapists
- physician assistants
- physicians

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