

# Nutrition and Dietetics

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Professor: Blanton

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Program Description	Type	Degree
Master of Science in Nutrition ( <a href="https://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/college-of-health/nutritiondietetics/msnutrition/">https://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/college-of-health/nutritiondietetics/msnutrition/</a> )	Degree	M.S.
Master of Science in Nutrition/Dietetic Internship ( <a href="https://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/college-of-health/nutritiondietetics/msnutritiondietetic/">https://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/college-of-health/nutritiondietetics/msnutritiondietetic/</a> )	Degree	M.S.

The Master of Science in Nutrition with Dietetic Internship is a combined Master of Science and Dietetic Internship (<https://www.isu.edu/dieteticinternship/>).

Graduate faculty (Blanton, Gordon, and Petersen) are available to work on capstone projects with a nutrition focus.

## Master of Science in Nutrition-Dietetic Internship

The mission of the Idaho State University Master of Science in Nutrition – Dietetic Internship is to prepare caring and competent entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists who collaborate with other health professionals through a supervised practice experience that exceeds the performance standards of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics.

### Program Goals

**Goal #1:** Program graduates are professionally competent entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists through a comprehensive supervised practice experience.

- At least 80% of program interns complete program within 24 months (150% of program length).
- Of graduates who seek employment, 75 percent are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.
- 90 percent of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.
- The program's one-year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%.
- 90% of working RDNs over a five-year period will be satisfied that the MS-DI program adequately prepared them for effective entry-level careers in dietetics.

**Goal #2:** Prepare program graduates to be caring registered dietitian nutritionists who promote collaboration within their practice setting.

- 50% of graduates over a five-year period will participate in professional organizations within the first year following graduation.
- Of those employers who respond to the survey, 90% of employers will rate program graduates' preparation for entry-level practice as satisfactory or higher.
- 50% of employers over a five-year period will rate program graduates' collaboration within their employment setting as satisfactory or higher.

### Student Learning Assessment

The program continuously assesses student achievement of required ACEND Core Competencies. The Core Competencies are distributed across five domains.

- Domain 1: Scientific and Evidence Base of Practice: Integration of scientific knowledge and translation of research into practice.
- Domain 2: Professional Practice Expectations: Beliefs, values, attitudes and behaviors for the nutrition and dietetics practitioner level of practice.
- Domain 3: Clinical and Client Services: Development and delivery of information, products and services to individuals, groups and populations.
- Domain 4: Practice Management and Use of Resources: Strategic application of principles of management and systems in the provision of services to individuals and organizations.
- Domain 5: Leadership and Career Management: Skills, strengths, knowledge and experience relevant to leadership potential and professional growth for the nutrition and dietetics practitioner.

Please contact the department for more information.