

Proposed Revision: MS Nutrition & Dietetics

- 1. Add online course delivery option to MSND: Dietetic Internship Option (MSND:DI)**
- 2. Create new major code 1NDI for MSND:DI**
- 3. Add NTR 4751 to the required core for MSND: Nutrition Education (MSND:NE)**
- 4. Remove elective hours from MSND:NE option, decreasing total hours from 36 to 33.**
- 5. NOTE: executive action request already submitted to make changes to the Accelerated option. These changes are included in the proposed new catalog copy for consistency with one correction: with the revision to the NE option decreasing it to 33 hours, the number of shared course hours in the AP program decreases to 9 s.h. for students bridging to the MSND:NE program.**

Rationale: MSND: DI students complete 24 s.h. of coursework prior to internship placement. Most students' placements necessitate a second move, which is expensive and inconvenient. They move once to relocate to Charleston for their courses, then 9 months later, relocate again for their 7 month internship placement. MSND: DI Coordinator Melissa Maulding notes that the most common question she receives during recruitment and program matching activities concerns online course delivery, and that we are losing a significant number of prospective students because they want or need the option to complete their coursework online.

Offering online course delivery would also allow us to more specifically recruit students from the Chicago and Saint Louis area, as well as other regional cities, because we can cultivate placements in those areas, and recruit prospective students who cannot or do not wish to leave their community for 9 months, and/or whose long-term career plans include staying in their community.

Our major regional competitors all offer online course delivery, and at least one also offers a "distance education" program that provides no assistance for internship placement. The EIU program not only ensures internship placement, but coordinates that placement for students, but we lose the opportunity to share this with prospects because they dismiss our program from consideration before that part of the program is discussed, simply because we don't have online course delivery.

A new major code needs to be created for students enrolled in the online course delivery option for the new MSND:DI Option. The major code will be 1NDI.

We already offer the MSND: NE program in both online and F2F format, so we are already offering all of the necessary courses online on a regular rotation. Formally adding online course delivery for the MSND: DI option will not increase faculty load or the number of sections of courses we are offering unless student enrollment increases to the extent that we need to offer additional sections to meet demand.

Decreasing the number of total hours in the MSND: NE program makes it more affordable and accessible without compromising the integrity of the curriculum. This change necessitates an adjustment to the number of shared course hours students may use in the accelerated program if they pursue the MSND:NE program.

Current catalog copy:

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Elective Courses

Electives: 3 semester hours, to be selected in consultation with Graduate Advisor

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Electives

Electives: 15 semester hours, to be selected in consultation with Graduate Advisor.

Accelerated

Admission to the accelerated MS in Nutrition and Dietetics requires the following: a. Early admission into the MSND: Nutrition Education Option. b. Completion of a minimum of 75 hours of undergraduate course credit c. Completion of a minimum of 15 hours of required Nutrition and Dietetics (NTR) courses. d. Minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.25. To apply for the Accelerated Program MS in Nutrition and Dietetics, applicants meeting the above requirements must submit the Graduate School’s Accelerated Program Application to their undergraduate Academic Advisor and the MSND Graduate Coordinator for review and approval.

Shared Courses

Shared Credit Course Options: Students may select from the following courses for a total of 12 credit hours of shared credit. Please note that stated prerequisites will need to be completed before enrolling in the courses. Please consult with your undergraduate academic advisor in the selection of the following shared courses.

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- [NTR 4940 - Food Service Management](#) Credits: 3
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Elective Courses

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Degree Requirements

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Required courses (25 semester hours)

- NTR 4750 - Advanced Human Nutrition. Credits: 3
- **NTR 4751 – Nutrition Therapy** Credits: 4
- NTR 5151 - Nutrition and Dietetics in Public Health Credits: 3
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Electives

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