

COUNCIL ON GRADUATE STUDIES

Meeting Agenda

2:00 p.m. 3108 Blair Hall

November 4, 2025

1. Minutes

- a. Approval of October 21, 2025, meeting minutes

2. Communication

- a. **CLAS Curriculum Committee Minutes, September 17, 2025**
- b. **EA-26-CHHS-06** Z Section Creation for NTR Courses 4751 and 5610

3. Items to be Added to the Agenda

- a. **26-03** Revision to Nutrition & Dietetics Catalog Copy
- b. **26-04** Modifications to Certificate in Geographic Information Sciences

4. Items to be Acted Upon

- a. None

5. Items Pending

- a. None

6. Other

- a. Proposal for Establishing Criteria for Micro-Credentials and Stackable Certificates Update

7. Committee Reports

- a. Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC):
- b. Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee:
- c. Textbook Rental Advisory:

8. Dean's Report

- a. Graduate Fair Attendance and Participation
- b. 3-Minute Thesis Update

Council on Graduate Studies

October 21, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. | 3108 Blair Hall

Attendance

Members Present: Dr. Beth Gill, Dr. Maranda Schaljo, Dr. Chris Laingen, Dr. Alexis Jones, Mr. Jeff Cranstoun, Dr. Toqeer Israr, Mr. Eric Senyo

Members Absent: Dr. Wesley Allan

Guests: None.

Staff Present: Dean Angela Jacobs, Ms. Melanee Bates, and Ms. Myra Taylor

1. Minutes

The minutes of the October 7, 2025, meeting were reviewed.

No corrections or revisions were noted; the minutes stand as written.

2. Communications

Motion: Dr. Laingen moved to approve all Communication items as presented; motion seconded by Dr. Schaljo. Approved by acclamation.

Items Approved:

- EA-26-CHHS-03: NTR 5154 Medical Nutrition Therapy – Request to add HyFlex delivery option.
- EA-26-CLAS-04: CHM 5420 Modern Organic Chemistry – Request to add HyFlex delivery option.
- EA-26-CHHS-05: NTR 5151 Nutrition and Dietetics in Public Health – Request to add hybrid delivery modality.

3. Items to be Added to the Agenda

None.

4. Items to be Acted Upon

None.

5. Items Pending

None.

6. Other

The Council supports the proposal for establishing criteria for micro-credentials and stackable certificates and directs Dean Jacobs to proceed sharing it for implementation in Graduate School programs that wish to participate.

7. Committee Reports

a. Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC): Ms. Taylor reported the GSAC will meet on Friday, October 24, 2025,

with one of the discussion topics being amending the group constitution.

b. Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee (BCAC): Ms. Taylor noted there were no additional comments on the submitted BCAC report provided in the meeting packet.

c. Textbook Rental Advisory Committee: Dr. Schaljo reported the committee is considering contracting a third-party vendor to run the bookstore and provide course materials. The group is currently gathering input from students and faculty. Student feedback has indicated the primary concern is the potential for increased material costs.

8. Dean's Report

a. Dean Jacobs reported that assessment reporting for Fall 2025 is underway. Some confusion remains regarding the reporting schedule, which is being clarified.

b. The Dean reminded members of the Graduate School Fair taking place Wednesday, October 22, 2025, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. in the University Ballroom, MLK Union, and encouraged members to share the information with undergraduate students and colleagues who teach undergraduate courses.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Schaljo and seconded by Dr. Jones. The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Summary of Motions and Outcomes

#	Motion	Mover	Seconder	Outcome
1	Approve all Communication items (EA-26-CHHS-03, EA-26-CLAS-04, EA-26-CHHS-05)	Dr. Laingen	Dr. Schaljo	Approved by acclamation
2	Motion to Adjourn	Dr. Schaljo	Dr. Jones	Approved by acclamation

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

September 17, 2025 (Synchronous - Zoom) ELECTRONIC MEETING

Participating Members: Brad Olson, ART; Sanghoon Kang, BIO; Cesar Ortiz, CHM; Claudia Janssen Danyi, SCJ-CMN; Des' Adom, ECN; Melissa Caldwell, ENG; Chris Laingen, GEO; Aura Jirau Arroyo, HIS; Ensung Kim, SCJ-JOU; Grant Lakeland, MCS; Stefan Eckert, MUS; Teresa Britton, PHI; Isaiah Lim, PHY; Jeff Ashley, PLS; Jerry Zhu, PSY; Caitlin Lynch, SOC; Nick Shaw, THA; Irene Jacobsen, WLC; Associate Dean Chris Mitchell, ex-officio; Associate Dean Mike Cornebise, ex-officio

Members not Participating: Elijah Kubicek, Student Member (Arts & Humanities); Katie Jara, Student Member (Sciences)

Guests: Jeff Stowell, PSY

Chair Jirau Arroyo called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

I. Minutes

On the motion of Ashley and the second of Lynch, the CLASCC minutes of April 23, 2025 (Synchronous electronic meeting) were approved.

II. Executive Actions

The following Executive Actions were approved:

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| 26.1E | From PSY— | BA in PSY Rename Group Labels |
| 26.2E | From BIO— | BIO 3200 Course Format Change |
| 26.3E | From SCJ— | JOU 5001 Course Number Change |
| 26.4E | From HIS/WGS— | HIS/WGS 4845 Course Title and Description Change |
| 26.5E | From HIS— | BA in HIS Revise Upper Division Elective List |

III. Items Acted On

None.

IV. Other Business

1. Brad Olson was elected Vice-Chair for 2025-2026 by acclamation.
2. At a special asynchronous electronic meeting over September 22 and 23, an executive action:

26.6E From WLC— WLF 1102 add HyFlex Mode of Delivery for Spring 2026

was considered. On September 24, Chair Jirau Arroyo declared the item approved as there was no concerns or objections raised over the 2-day comment period.

V. Adjournment

On the motion of Ashley and the second of Lim, the meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Minutes taken by Michael Cornebise and Chris Mitchell and prepared by Chris Mitchell

Approved by CLASCC: October 8, 2025

**Eastern Illinois University
Department of Public Health and Nutrition
Executive Action Request**

Date:

To: Council on Graduate Studies

From: Dr. Jill Hutti, Associate Dean of the College of Health & Human Services

Effective Term: Spring 2026

Request: Executive Action for the Department of Public Health & Nutrition

Rationale for the Request: Create Z sections for NTR 4751 and NTR 5610

For use with accelerated pathway students and 3+2 students, we need Z sections for all graduate level courses, and also 4751. All the rest of the needed sections already exist.

Proposed Revision to Graduate Catalog Copy: MS Nutrition & Dietetics

Effective Date: Fall 2025

Rationale:

There are three key elements to this revision: (1) removal of all reference to the Dietetic Internship program as our accreditation terminology has changed; (2) removal of all reference to the Nutrition Education option; (3) removal of course duplication by replacing one required NTR course with the analogous PUBH course.

With the creation of the MSND: Coordinated Program, and the graduation of the last students enrolled in the DI program, the DI program was officially closed effective May 2025. We must therefore remove all reference to the DI graduate program from the catalog as per ACEND (our accrediting body).

After lengthy discussions among the Dietetics faculty, it was determined that we do not have the bandwidth to do the extensive recruitment necessary to make the NE program viable as well as successfully launch the CP. Further, we believe that potential students, particularly existing RDNs seeking a master's degree, can be effectively served by partnering with the MS Health Promotion program on a curricular revision to incorporate nutrition education coursework in a Community Nutrition elective grouping. Therefore, we are requesting the NE program be closed, and are removing all reference to it from our catalog copy.

Since the above required a substantial revision to the catalog copy, we also took the opportunity to edit and rearrange content to clarify the 3 pathways for admission to the MSND program, and to formalize a course substitution we have utilized for the past two years by requiring Dietetics students to complete their Leadership and Ethics course in the interdisciplinary context of PUBH 5770, rather than offering a duplicative course under the NTR prefix.

Old Catalog Copy:

Nutrition and Dietetics

The Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics offers two options: Coordinated Program and Nutrition Education. While both programs of study provide students with a focus on nutrition education and research, the Coordinated Program Option includes the Accreditation Council for Education of Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) required 1000-hour clinical placement that will allow the successful student to take the Registration Examination for Dietitian Nutritionists. Internship placements are coordinated by the Dietetics Program Coordinator for students in both delivery options.

Students enrolled in the BS Nutrition program at EIU are eligible to apply for admission to the 3+2 Program in Nutrition & Dietetics which provides a second pathway to completing the MS Nutrition & Dietetics: Coordinated Program. Applications to the EIU 3+2 Program in Nutrition & Dietetics are accepted in spring of junior year for admission in the fall of the senior year. Students accepted into the 3+2 Program are directly admitted to the MSND: Coordinated Program, and are not required to participate in the DICAS match process. Students will complete their remaining undergraduate courses along with 18 credits of graduate course work during their senior year; the 18 credits of graduate course work will also count toward completion of their undergraduate degree. Upon completion of all coursework, students will be issued a verification statement which permits them to enroll in their mandatory 1000 clock hour clinical placement. Internship placements are coordinated by the Dietetics Program Coordinator.

Admission Requirements for the Coordinated Program:

- Currently enrolled in the B.S. Nutrition program at EIU
- Cumulative EIU GPA of 3.00/4.00
- Completion of all required NTR course work with a grade of C or better
- A failed prerequisite course (D, F, NF) may not be repeated more than once to receive a passing grade of C or higher.

Coordinated Program Course of Study

- FALL Year 4 (Enter Coordinated Program):
- [NTR 5600 - Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5150 - Medical Nutrition Therapy](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education and Behavior](#) Credits: 3
- [PUBH 4783 - Health Politics and Policy](#) Credits: 3
- SPRING Year 4:
- [NTR 5610 - Systematic Reviews in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5154 - Medical Nutrition Therapy](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5156 - Leadership Development in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 3756](#): Community Nutrition Interventions (Please see EIU Undergraduate Catalog for information regarding this course.) Credits / Units: 3
- SUMMER Year 4*:

Graduate-level Elective(s) Credits / Units: 3

- [NTR 5151 - Nutrition and Dietetics in Public Health](#) Credits: 3
- FALL Year 5*:
- [NTR 5981 - Dietetic Internship](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5982 - Dietetic Internship](#) Credits: 3
- SPRING Year 5*
- [NTR 5983 - Dietetic Internship](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5984 - Dietetic Internship](#) Credits: 3
- * Actual schedule may vary based on DI placement schedule.

Dietetic Internship Option

Program Mission: The MSND: Dietetic Internship Option with its Nutrition Education Emphasis integrates research- and theory-driven nutrition education through high-impact supervised practice experiences to prepare entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists to enter the diverse workforce and devote their careers to empowering individuals, families and communities through lifelong learning and professional engagement and service. (<https://www.eiu.edu/dieteticsgrad/mission-goals-outcomes.php>)

The Dietetic Internship is granted accreditation status by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, (312) 899-5400.

Admission Requirements: To be eligible for the MSND: Dietetic Internship Option, applicants must all of the requirements to the Graduate School (see "[Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Program](#)").

A complete Graduate School application packet for the MS in Nutrition and Dietetics is completed online through MyEIU and includes the following:

Personal Statement that addresses the following:

- Explain how the Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics: Dietetic Internship Option will assist you in achieving your career goals

Three recent letters of recommendation:

- At least one recommendation must address your academic performance.
- Letters of recommendation should discuss the applicant's areas of strengths and weaknesses in the following areas:
 - Ability to interact and work effectively with others
 - Critical thinking skills and ability
 - Communication Skills, including both written and oral skills as well as with peers and superiors
 - Professionalism
 - Work Ethic

Minimum GPA as required by the Graduate School (see "[Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs](#)")

Additionally, applicants must be matched with EIU's Dietetic Internship through the D & D Digital Match process. All Dietetic Internship materials must be submitted through the Dietetic Internship Centralized Application System (DICAS) by February 15 for the spring match and September 25 for the fall match. A Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) Verification Statement must be submitted to the DI Coordinator before the Dietetic Internship sections can be taken.

Degree Audit: The graduate plan of study is the EIU Degree Audit, which is generated automatically at the time of degree or certificate candidacy. Modifications to the standard EIU Degree Audit are submitted by the graduate coordinator to the certification officer in the Graduate School at the time modifications are approved. The Degree Audit serves as an unofficial summary of requirements for the program. Degree and certificate candidates are advised to review the comprehensive summary of the

Degree Audit process specified on the "[Requirements for All Degree and Certificate Candidates](#)" section of the Graduate Catalog. Individual programs may require candidates to submit plans of study in addition to the Degree Audit, candidates should consult with the graduate coordinator.

Degree Requirements

The MSND: Dietetic Internship Option requires 36 semester hours. The 1200 hour1200-hour, full-time dietetic internship will be completed in courses NTR 5981 through NTR 5984, and must be completed within 45 weeks. All hours will be completed in the United States.

Core Courses

Dietetic Internship Core 30 semester hours

- [NTR 5150 - Medical Nutrition Therapy](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5151 - Nutrition and Dietetics in Public Health](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5154 - Medical Nutrition Therapy](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education and Behavior](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5156 - Leadership Development in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5600 - Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5610 - Systematic Reviews in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5981 - Dietetic Internship](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5982 - Dietetic Internship](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5983 - Dietetic Internship](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5984 - Dietetic Internship](#) Credits: 3

Elective Courses

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

Nutrition Education Option

Program Mission: The MS in Nutrition and Dietetics: Nutrition Education Option is designed to provide students with advanced theory and application of nutrition education research and practice. The MSND: Nutrition Education Option may be completed online or on campus.

Admission Requirements: To be eligible for degree candidacy, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to the Graduate School (see "[Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs](#)").

A complete graduate school admission packet for the MS in Nutrition and Dietetics includes the following and is completed through MyEIU:

Personal Statement that addresses the following:

- Explain how the Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics: Nutrition Education Option will assist you in achieving your career goals

Three recent letters of recommendation:

- At least one recommendation must address your academic performance.
- Letters of recommendation should discuss the applicant's areas of strengths and weaknesses in the following areas:
 - Ability to interact and work effectively with others
 - Critical thinking skills and ability
 - Communication Skills, including both written and oral skills as well as with peers and superiors
 - Professionalism
 - Work Ethic

Minimum GPA as required by the Graduate School (see "Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs")

Degree Audit: The graduate plan of study is the EIU Degree Audit, which is generated automatically at the time of degree or certificate candidacy. Modifications to the standard EIU Degree Audit are submitted by the graduate coordinator to the certification officer in the Graduate School at the time modifications are approved. The Degree Audit serves as an unofficial summary of requirements for the program. Degree

and certificate candidates are advised to review the comprehensive summary of the Degree Audit process specified on the “[Requirements for All Degree and Certificate Candidates](#)” section of the Graduate Catalog. Individual programs may require candidates to submit plans of study in addition to the Degree Audit, candidates should consult with the graduate coordinator.

Degree Requirements

The MSND: Nutrition Education Option requires 33 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
- [NTR 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education and Behavior](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5156 - Leadership Development in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5600 - Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5610 - Systematic Reviews in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) Credits: 3

Electives

Electives: 11 semester hours, to be selected in consultation with Graduate Advisor.

Accelerated

Admission to the accelerated MS in Nutrition and Dietetics requires the following:

- Completion of a minimum of 60 hours of undergraduate course credit
- Completion of NTR 2100 with a grade of B or better.
- Minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.25.
- Approval of the Graduate Coordinator and the Graduate School.

All students seeking admission to the Accelerated MS in Nutrition & Dietetics are initially admitted to the Nutrition Education Option. Students wishing to be admitted to the Dietetic Internship option in order to be eligible to become a Registered/Licensed Dietetic Nutritionist must then complete the DICAS matching process. Once approved and matched by DICAS, students will be moved from the Nutrition Education option to the Dietetic Internship option.

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 the Graduate school.

MSND: Dietetic Internship Option

Shared Credit Course Options: Once approved for the program, 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. Students will meet with their undergraduate Academic Advisor each semester to select their shared courses, and the Academic Advisor will submit the Shared Course form for approval to the Graduate Coordinator and the Graduate School.

- Students wishing to pursue the MSND: Dietetic Internship option will option will select up to 12 s.h. from the following shared courses:
- [NTR 5151 - Nutrition and Dietetics in Public Health](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education and Behavior](#) Credits: 3
- (Replaces NTR 3756 in undergraduate curriculum)
- [NTR 5150 - Medical Nutrition Therapy](#). Credits: 3
- OR
- [NTR 5154 - Medical Nutrition Therapy](#) Credits: 3
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Select three (3) semester hours from the following:

- [NTR 4750 - Advanced Human Nutrition](#). Credits: 3
- [NTR 4752 - Focus on Diabetes](#). Credits: 1
- [NTR 4753 - Nutrition and the Addicted Person](#). Credits: 1
- [NTR 4754 - Social Marketing for Nutrition Education Professionals](#) Credits: 1
- [NTR 4940 - Food Service Management](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5156 - Leadership Development in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5160 - Food Insecurity](#) Credits: 1
- [NTR 5161 - Focus on Eating Disorders](#) Credits: 1
- [NTR 5600 - Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) Credits: 3

MSND: Nutrition Education

Students pursuing the MSND: Nutrition Education Option will select up to 12 s.h. from the following shared courses. All will count as electives in the undergraduate program unless otherwise noted.

- [NTR 4750 - Advanced Human Nutrition](#). Credits: 3
- [NTR 4752 - Focus on Diabetes](#). Credits: 1
- [NTR 4753 - Nutrition and the Addicted Person](#). Credits: 1
- [NTR 4754 - Social Marketing for Nutrition Education Professionals](#) Credits: 1
- [NTR 4940 - Food Service Management](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5151 - Nutrition and Dietetics in Public Health](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5150 - Medical Nutrition Therapy](#). Credits: 3
- OR
- [NTR 5154 - Medical Nutrition Therapy](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education and Behavior](#) Credits: 3
(Substitution for NTR 3756)
- [NTR 5156 - Leadership Development in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) Credits: 3
- [NTR 5160 - Food Insecurity](#) Credits: 1
- [NTR 5161 - Focus on Eating Disorders](#) Credits: 1

[NTR 5600 - Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) Credits: 3 (Substitution for PUBH 2800)

Revised Catalog Copy:

~~Nutrition and Dietetics~~

MS Nutrition & Dietetics: Coordinated Program

Eastern Illinois University Coordinated Program in Dietetics Mission Statement:

The primary mission of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics at EIU is to provide a graduate program in dietetics which leads to eligibility for the RD/RDN credential that is accessible to students who meet the admission requirements, regardless of their undergraduate major. The CP utilizes multiple pathways to admission, and also provides direct admission to qualified applicants from EIU.

The Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics ~~offers two options:~~ Coordinated Program ~~and Nutrition Education. While both programs of study~~ provides students with a focus on nutrition education and research, ~~the Coordinated Program Option and~~ includes the 1000+ clock hours supervised practice experience required by the Accreditation Council for Education of Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) ~~required 1000-hour clinical placement that will allow the successful student to take the Registration Examination for Dietitian Nutritionists. Internship~~ Supervised practice placements are coordinated by the Dietetics Coordinated Program Coordinator Director. ~~for students in both delivery options.~~ Completion of a master's degree as well as the 1000+ clock hours of supervised practice are required to be eligible to take the Registration Examination for Dietitian Nutritionists.

Accreditation Information:

The MSND: Coordinated Program (CP) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND).

Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)
120 Riverside Place, Suite 2190

Chicago, IL 60606-6995
(312) 899-5400

In most states, graduates also must obtain licensure or certification to practice. For more information about licensure per state [click here](#).

Admission Requirements:

To be eligible for degree candidacy, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to the Graduate School (see "[Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs](#)").

A complete graduate school admission packet for the MS in Nutrition and Dietetics: Coordinated Program includes the following and is completed through MyEIU:

- Personal Statement that addresses the following:
 - Explain how the Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics: Coordinated Program option will assist you in achieving your career goals as a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN).
- Resume
- DICAS (Dietetic Internship Centralized Application System):
 - Applicants who are not currently enrolled at EIU or an alumnus of the Nutrition & Dietetics Program at EIU must also participate in DICAS, and submit all admissions materials required by DICAS.

Program Goals:

Goal 1. Program graduates will be competent, graduate-level, entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists with the knowledge and skills needed to provide professional services targeted at improving the overall health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities through theory-based nutrition education.

Objectives:

1. At least 80% of students are expected to complete the CP within 150% of the program length.
2. Of graduates who seek employment, at least 80% are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.
3. At least 80% of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.
4. 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%.

5. At least 80% of program graduate survey respondents will agree or strongly agree that the Coordinated Program coursework and supervised practice experiences were beneficial for successful careers in dietetics.
6. At least 80% of employers surveyed will indicate satisfaction with EIU Coordinated Program graduates as competent entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists.

Goal 2. Program graduates will engage in diverse leadership and professional service opportunities as part of their commitment to lifelong learning.

Objectives:

1. One-year post graduation, 50% of graduates who respond to the alumni survey will indicate they are serving as a preceptor.
2. One-year post graduation, 50% of graduates who respond to the alumni survey will indicate active involvement in at least one professional organization.

MSND: CP Degree Requirements:

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NTR 5150 - Medical Nutrition Therapy Credits: 3

NTR 5151 - Nutrition and Dietetics in Public Health Credits: 3

NTR 5154 – Medical Nutrition Therapy Credits: 3

NTR 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education and Behavior Credits: 3

PUBH 5770: Leadership and Ethics for Health Professionals Credits: 3

NTR 5600 - Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics Credits: 3

NTR 5610 – Systematic Reviews in Nutrition and Dietetics Credits: 3

NTR 5981 - Dietetic Internship Credits: 3

NTR 5982 - Dietetic Internship Credits: 3

NTR 5983 - Dietetic Internship Credits: 3

NTR 5984 - Dietetic Internship Credits: 3

Electives: 3 credits

Pathways for Admission to the MS Nutrition & Dietetics:

There are three pathways for admission to the MS Nutrition & Dietetics:

Traditional Admission Pathway: Students complete a bachelor's degree, and then apply for admission to the master's degree.

Accelerated Program Pathway: Students apply after they have completed 60 hours of undergraduate coursework, and may take up to 12 credits of graduate coursework while they are undergraduates. See below for more information and admission requirements.

3+2 Pathway to MSND: Coordinated Program: Students apply in the Fall semester of their junior year for admission to the 3+2 cohort starting the following Fall. Students complete 18 credits of graduate coursework while they are undergraduates. See below for more information and admission requirements.

Students enrolled in the BS Nutrition program at EIU are eligible ~~to apply~~ for admission to the MSND through any of the three pathways. EIU students from undergraduate programs other than the BS Nutrition are eligible for admission to the Accelerated Program Pathway or the Traditional Pathway; they are excluded from the 3+2 Pathway. ~~3+2 Program in Nutrition & Dietetics which provides a second pathway to completing the MS Nutrition & Dietetics: Coordinated Program. Applications to the EIU 3+2 Program in Nutrition & Dietetics are accepted in spring of junior year for admission in the fall of the senior year. Students accepted into the 3+2 Program are directly admitted to the MSND: Coordinated Program, and are not required to participate in the DICAS match process. Students will complete their remaining undergraduate courses along with 18 credits of graduate course work during their senior year; the 18 credits of graduate course work will also count toward completion of their undergraduate degree. Upon completion of all coursework, students will be issued a verification statement which permits them to enroll in their mandatory 1000 clock hour clinical placement. Internship placements are coordinated by the Dietetics Program Coordinator.~~

Traditional Admission Pathway to the MSND: Coordinated Program

To be eligible for admission to the MSND: Coordinated Program through the Traditional Admission Pathway, students must meet the following criteria:

- Completed bachelor's degree prior to beginning graduate coursework.
- For applicants with non-DPD verified bachelor's degrees, completion of all of the following prerequisite courses or equivalents with a grade of C or better prior to beginning graduate coursework is required:
 - General Chemistry I & II with lab
 - Survey of Organic Chemistry
 - Survey of Biochemistry
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & II with lab
 - Introduction to Statistics
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Introduction to Management
 - Personal Nutrition/Introduction to Nutrition
 - ServSafe Manager Certification Course

Accelerated Program Pathway to MSND: Coordinated Program

Students admitted to the Accelerated Program Pathway are permitted to take up to 12 credits of graduate coursework for shared credit while they are still an undergraduate. In order to earn the master's degree, students must also enroll in and complete all required elements of the MSND graduate degree program.

Admission to the accelerated MS in Nutrition and Dietetics requires the following:

- Completion of a minimum of 60 hours of undergraduate course credit
- Completion of NTR 2100 with a grade of B or better.
- Minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.25.
- Approval of the Graduate Coordinator and the Graduate School.

To apply for the Accelerated Program Pathway to the MS in Nutrition and Dietetics, applicants meeting the above requirements must submit the Graduate School's Accelerated Program Application to the Graduate school.

Shared Credit Course Options: Once approved for the program, 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. Students will meet with their undergraduate Academic Advisor each semester to select their shared courses, and the Academic Advisor will submit the Shared Course form for approval to the Graduate Coordinator and the Graduate School.

Students in the Accelerated Program Pathway will select up to 12 s.h. from the following shared courses in consultation with their undergraduate academic advisor and the Coordinated Program Director:

Nine (9) semester hours from the following:

- NTR 5151 - Nutrition and Dietetics in Public Health OR NTR 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education and Behavior*
- NTR 5150 - Medical Nutrition Therapy OR NTR 5154 - Medical Nutrition Therapy
- NTR 5600 - Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics

And three (3) semester hours from the following:

- NTR 4750 - Advanced Human Nutrition.
- NTR 4751 - Nutrition Therapy.
- NTR 4752 - Focus on Diabetes.
- NTR 4753 - Nutrition and the Addicted Person.
- NTR 4754 - Social Marketing for Nutrition Education Professionals
- PUBH 5770 - Leadership and Ethics for Health Professionals
- NTR 5160 - Food Insecurity
- NTR 5161 - Focus on Eating Disorders
- NTR 5230 – Special Topics in Nutrition

*Replaces NTR 3756 in undergraduate curriculum

3+2 Pathway to MSND: Coordinated Program:

The 3+2 Pathway allows admitted students to complete both the BS Nutrition and the MS Nutrition & Dietetics: Coordinated Program within 5 calendar years. Applications to the EIU 3+2 Pathway are accepted in fall of junior year for admission to the following fall's cohort. Students accepted into the 3+2 Pathway are direct-admitted to the MSND: Coordinated Program, and are not required to participate in the DICAS match process.

Students will complete their remaining undergraduate courses along with 18 credits of graduate course work during their senior year; the 18 credits of graduate course work will also count toward completion of their undergraduate degree. Upon completion of all degree requirements for the MSND:CP, including 1000+ clock hours of supervised practice, students will be issued a verification statement which permits them to sit for the RDN credential exam. Supervised practice placements are coordinated by the Coordinated Program Director.

Admission Requirements for the ~~Coordinated Program~~ 3+2 Pathway:

- Currently enrolled in the B.S. Nutrition program at EIU
- Cumulative EIU GPA of 3.00/4.00
- Completion of all required NTR course work with a grade of C or better
- A failed prerequisite course (D, F, NF) may not be repeated more than once to receive a passing grade of C or higher.

~~Coordinated Program~~ 3+2 Pathway Course of Study

FALL Year 4 (Enter ~~Coordinated Program~~ 3+2 Pathway):

[NTR 5600 - Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) Credits: 3

[NTR 5150 - Medical Nutrition Therapy](#) Credits: 3

[NTR 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education and Behavior](#) Credits: 3

[PUBH 4783 - Health Politics and Policy](#) Credits: 3

SPRING Year 4:

[NTR 5610 - Systematic Reviews in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) Credits: 3

[NTR 5154 - Medical Nutrition Therapy](#) Credits: 3

~~[NTR 5156 - Leadership Development in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) Credits: 3~~

~~PUBH 5770: Leadership and Ethics for Health Professionals~~

[NTR 3756: Community Nutrition Interventions](#) (Please see EIU Undergraduate Catalog for information regarding this course.) Credits: 3

SUMMER Year 4*:

Graduate-level Elective(s) Credits: 3

[NTR 5151 - Nutrition and Dietetics in Public Health](#) Credits: 3

FALL Year 5*:

[NTR 5981 - Dietetic Internship](#) Credits: 3

[NTR 5982 - Dietetic Internship](#) Credits: 3

SPRING Year 5*

[NTR 5983 - Dietetic Internship](#) Credits: 3

[NTR 5984 - Dietetic Internship](#) Credits: 3

*Actual schedule may vary based on ~~DI~~ supervised practice placement schedule. Students who begin their supervised practice during the summer term may be able to graduate in Fall rather than Spring.

~~Dietetic Internship Option~~

~~Program Mission: The MSND: Dietetic Internship Option with its Nutrition Education Emphasis integrates research- and theory-driven nutrition education through high-impact supervised practice experiences to prepare entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists to enter the diverse workforce and devote their careers to empowering individuals, families and communities through lifelong learning and professional engagement and service. (<https://www.eiu.edu/dieteticsgrad/mission-goals-outcomes.php>)~~

The Dietetic Internship is granted accreditation status by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, (312) 899-5400.

Admission Requirements: To be eligible for the MSND: Dietetic Internship Option, applicants must all of the requirements to the Graduate School (see "Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Program").

A complete Graduate School application packet for the MS in Nutrition and Dietetics is completed online through MyEIU and includes the following:

Personal Statement that addresses the following:

- Explain how the Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics: Dietetic Internship Option will assist you in achieving your career goals

Three recent letters of recommendation:

- At least one recommendation must address your academic performance.
- Letters of recommendation should discuss the applicant's areas of strengths and weaknesses in the following areas:
 - Ability to interact and work effectively with others
 - Critical thinking skills and ability
 - Communication Skills, including both written and oral skills as well as with peers and superiors
 - Professionalism
 - Work Ethic

Minimum GPA as required by the Graduate School (see "Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs")

Additionally, applicants must be matched with EIU's Dietetic Internship through the D & D Digital Match process. All Dietetic Internship materials must be submitted through the Dietetic Internship Centralized Application System (DICAS) by February 15 for the spring match and September 25 for the fall match. A Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) Verification Statement must be submitted to the DI Coordinator before the Dietetic Internship sections can be taken.

Degree Audit: The graduate plan of study is the EIU Degree Audit, which is generated automatically at the time of degree or certificate candidacy. Modifications to the standard EIU Degree Audit are submitted by the graduate coordinator to the

certification officer in the Graduate School at the time modifications are approved. The Degree Audit serves as an unofficial summary of requirements for the program. Degree and certificate candidates are advised to review the comprehensive summary of the Degree Audit process specified on the "Requirements for All Degree and Certificate Candidates" section of the Graduate Catalog. Individual programs may require candidates to submit plans of study in addition to the Degree Audit; candidates should consult with the graduate coordinator.

Degree Requirements

The MSND: Dietetic Internship Option requires 36 semester hours. The 1200-hour1200-hour, full-time dietetic internship will be completed in courses NTR 5981 through NTR 5984, and must be completed within 45 weeks. All hours will be completed in the United States.

Core Courses

Dietetic Internship Core 30 semester hours

- NTR 5150 - Medical Nutrition Therapy Credits: 3
- NTR 5151 - Nutrition and Dietetics in Public Health Credits: 3
- NTR 5154 - Medical Nutrition Therapy Credits: 3
- NTR 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education and Behavior Credits: 3
- NTR 5156 - Leadership Development in Nutrition and Dietetics Credits: 3
- NTR 5600 - Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics Credits: 3
- NTR 5610 - Systematic Reviews in Nutrition and Dietetics Credits: 3
- NTR 5981 - Dietetic Internship Credits: 3
- NTR 5982 - Dietetic Internship Credits: 3
- NTR 5983 - Dietetic Internship Credits: 3
- NTR 5984 - Dietetic Internship Credits: 3

Elective Courses

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

Nutrition Education Option

Program Mission: The MS in Nutrition and Dietetics: Nutrition Education Option is designed to provide students with advanced theory and application of nutrition education research and practice. The MSND: Nutrition Education Option may be completed online or on campus.

Admission Requirements: To be eligible for degree candidacy, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to the Graduate School (see "[Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs](#)").

A complete graduate school admission packet for the MS in Nutrition and Dietetics includes the following and is completed through MyEIU:

Personal Statement that addresses the following:

- Explain how the Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics: Nutrition Education Option will assist you in achieving your career goals

Three recent letters of recommendation:

- At least one recommendation must address your academic performance.
- Letters of recommendation should discuss the applicant's areas of strengths and weaknesses in the following areas:
 - Ability to interact and work effectively with others
 - Critical thinking skills and ability
 - Communication Skills, including both written and oral skills as well as with peers and superiors
 - Professionalism
 - Work Ethic

Minimum GPA as required by the Graduate School (see "[Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs](#)")

Degree Audit: The graduate plan of study is the EIU Degree Audit, which is generated automatically at the time of degree or certificate candidacy. Modifications to the

standard EIU Degree Audit are submitted by the graduate coordinator to the certification officer in the Graduate School at the time modifications are approved. The Degree Audit serves as an unofficial summary of requirements for the program. Degree and certificate candidates are advised to review the comprehensive summary of the Degree Audit process specified on the "Requirements for All Degree and Certificate Candidates" section of the Graduate Catalog. Individual programs may require candidates to submit plans of study in addition to the Degree Audit; candidates should consult with the graduate coordinator.

Degree Requirements

The MSND: Nutrition Education Option requires 33 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
- NTR 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education and Behavior Credits: 3
- NTR 5156 - Leadership Development in Nutrition and Dietetics Credits: 3
- NTR 5600 - Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics Credits: 3
- NTR 5610 - Systematic Reviews in Nutrition and Dietetics Credits: 3

Electives

Electives: 11 semester hours, to be selected in consultation with Graduate Advisor.

All students seeking admission to the Accelerated MS in Nutrition & Dietetics are initially admitted to the Nutrition Education Option. Students wishing to be admitted to the Dietetic Internship option in order to be eligible to become a Registered/Licensed Dietetic Nutritionist must then complete the DICAS matching process. Once approved and matched by DICAS, students will be moved from the Nutrition Education option to the Dietetic Internship option.

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 the Graduate school.

MSND: Dietetic Internship Option

~~Shared Credit Course Options: Once approved for the program, 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. Students will meet with their undergraduate Academic Advisor each semester to select their shared courses, and the Academic Advisor will submit the Shared Course form for approval to the Graduate Coordinator and the Graduate School.~~

- ~~● Students wishing to pursue the MSND: Dietetic Internship option will option will select up to 12 s.h. from the following shared courses:~~
- ~~● NTR 5151 - Nutrition and Dietetics in Public Health Credits: 3~~
- ~~● NTR 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education and Behavior Credits: 3~~
- ~~● (Replaces NTR 3756 in undergraduate curriculum)~~
- ~~● NTR 5150 - Medical Nutrition Therapy Credits: 3~~
- ~~● OR~~
- ~~● NTR 5154 - Medical Nutrition Therapy Credits: 3~~
- ~~●~~

Select three (3) semester hours from the following:

- ~~● NTR 4750 - Advanced Human Nutrition Credits: 3~~
- ~~● NTR 4752 - Focus on Diabetes Credits: 1~~
- ~~● NTR 4753 - Nutrition and the Addicted Person Credits: 1~~
- ~~● NTR 4754 - Social Marketing for Nutrition Education Professionals Credits: 1~~
- ~~● NTR 4940 - Food Service Management Credits: 3~~
- ~~● NTR 5156 - Leadership Development in Nutrition and Dietetics Credits: 3~~
- ~~● NTR 5160 - Food Insecurity Credits: 1~~
- ~~● NTR 5161 - Focus on Eating Disorders Credits: 1~~
- ~~● NTR 5600 - Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics Credits: 3~~

~~MSND: Nutrition Education~~

~~Students pursuing the MSND: Nutrition Education Option will select up to 12 s.h. from the following shared courses. All will count as electives in the undergraduate program unless otherwise noted.~~

- ~~● NTR 4750 - Advanced Human Nutrition Credits: 3~~
- ~~● NTR 4752 - Focus on Diabetes Credits: 1~~
- ~~● NTR 4753 - Nutrition and the Addicted Person Credits: 1~~
- ~~● NTR 4754 - Social Marketing for Nutrition Education Professionals Credits: 1~~
- ~~● NTR 4940 - Food Service Management Credits: 3~~

- ~~NTR 5151 - Nutrition and Dietetics in Public Health Credits: 3~~
- ~~NTR 5150 - Medical Nutrition Therapy Credits: 3~~
- ~~OR~~
- ~~NTR 5154 - Medical Nutrition Therapy Credits: 3~~
- ~~NTR 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education and Behavior Credits: 3~~
(Substitution for NTR 3756)
- ~~NTR 5156 - Leadership Development in Nutrition and Dietetics Credits: 3~~
- ~~NTR 5160 - Food Insecurity Credits: 1~~
- ~~NTR 5161 - Focus on Eating Disorders Credits: 1~~

~~NTR 5600 - Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics Credits: 3 (Substitution for PUBH 2800)~~

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MS Nutrition & Dietetics: Coordinated Program

Eastern Illinois University Coordinated Program in Dietetics

Mission Statement:

The primary mission of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics at EIU is to provide a graduate program in dietetics which leads to eligibility for the RD/RDN credential that is accessible to students who meet the admission requirements, regardless of their undergraduate major. The CP utilizes multiple pathways to admission, and also provides direct admission to qualified applicants from EIU.

The Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics: Coordinated Program provides students with a focus on nutrition education and research, and includes the 1000+ clock hours supervised practice experience required by the Accreditation Council for Education of Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). Supervised practice placements are coordinated by the Coordinated Program Director. Completion of a master's degree as well as the 1000+ clock hours of supervised practice are required to be eligible to take the Registration Examination for Dietitian Nutritionists.

Accreditation Information:

The MSND: Coordinated Program (CP) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND).

Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)

120 Riverside Place, Suite 2190

Chicago, IL 60606-6995

(312) 899-5400

In most states, graduates also must obtain licensure or certification to practice. For more information about licensure per state [click here](#).

Admission Requirements:

To be eligible for degree candidacy, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to the Graduate School (see "[Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs](#)").

A complete graduate school admission packet for the MS in Nutrition and Dietetics: Coordinated Program includes the following and is completed through MyEIU:

- Personal Statement that addresses the following:
 - Explain how the Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics: Coordinated Program option will assist you in achieving your career goals as a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN).
- Resume
- DICAS (Dietetic Internship Centralized Application System):
 - Applicants who are not currently enrolled at EIU or an alumnus of the Nutrition & Dietetics Program at EIU must also participate in DICAS, and submit all admissions materials required by DICAS.

Program Goals:

Goal 1. Program graduates will be competent, graduate-level, entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists with the knowledge and skills needed to provide professional services targeted at improving the overall health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities through theory-based nutrition education.

Objectives:

1. At least 80% of students are expected to complete the CP within 150% of the program length.
2. Of graduates who seek employment, at least 80% are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.
3. At least 80% of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.
4. 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%.
5. At least 80% of program graduate survey respondents will agree or strongly agree that the Coordinated Program coursework and supervised practice experiences were beneficial for successful careers in dietetics.
6. At least 80% of employers surveyed will indicate satisfaction with EIU Coordinated Program graduates as competent entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists.

Goal 2. Program graduates will engage in diverse leadership and professional service opportunities as part of their commitment to lifelong learning.

Objectives:

1. One-year post graduation, 50% of graduates who respond to the alumni survey will indicate they are serving as a preceptor.
2. One-year post graduation, 50% of graduates who respond to the alumni survey will indicate active involvement in at least one professional organization.

MSND: CP Degree Requirements:

Degree Audit: The graduate plan of study is the EIU Degree Audit, which is generated automatically at the time of degree or certificate candidacy. Modifications to the standard EIU Degree Audit are submitted by the graduate coordinator to the certification officer in the Graduate School at the time modifications are approved. The Degree Audit serves as an unofficial summary of requirements for the program. Degree and certificate candidates are advised to review the comprehensive summary of the Degree Audit process specified on the "Requirements for All Degree and Certificate Candidates" section of the Graduate Catalog. Individual programs may require candidates to submit plans of study in addition to the Degree Audit, candidates should consult with the graduate coordinator.

NTR 5150 - Medical Nutrition Therapy. Credits: 3

NTR 5151 - Nutrition and Dietetics in Public Health Credits: 3

NTR 5154 – Medical Nutrition Therapy Credits: 3

NTR 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education and Behavior Credits: 3

PUBH 5770: Leadership and Ethics for Health Professionals Credits: 3

NTR 5600 - Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics Credits: 3

NTR 5610 – Systematic Reviews in Nutrition and Dietetics Credits: 3

NTR 5981 - Dietetic Internship Credits: 3

NTR 5982 - Dietetic Internship Credits: 3

NTR 5983 - Dietetic Internship Credits: 3

NTR 5984 - Dietetic Internship Credits: 3

Electives: 3 credits

Pathways for Admission to the MS Nutrition & Dietetics:

There are three pathways for admission to the MS Nutrition & Dietetics:

Traditional Admission Pathway: Students complete a bachelor's degree, and then apply for admission to the master's degree.

Accelerated Program Pathway: Students apply after they have completed 60 hours of undergraduate coursework, and may take up to 12 credits of graduate coursework while they are undergraduates. See below for more information and admission requirements.

3+2 Pathway to MSND: Coordinated Program: Students apply in the Fall semester of their junior year for admission to the 3+2 cohort starting the following Fall. Students complete 18 credits of graduate coursework while they are undergraduates. See below for more information and admission requirements.

Students enrolled in the BS Nutrition program at EIU are eligible for admission to the MSND through any of the three pathways. EIU students from undergraduate programs other than the BS Nutrition are eligible for admission to the Accelerated Program Pathway or the Traditional Pathway; they are excluded from the 3+2 Pathway.

Traditional Admission Pathway to the MSND: Coordinated Program

To be eligible for admission to the MSND: Coordinated Program through the Traditional Admission Pathway, students must meet the following criteria:

- Completed bachelor's degree prior to beginning graduate coursework.
- For applicants with non-DPD verified bachelor's degrees, completion of all of the following prerequisite courses or equivalents with a grade of C or better prior to beginning graduate coursework is required:
 - General Chemistry I & II with lab
 - Survey of Organic Chemistry
 - Survey of Biochemistry
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & II with lab
 - Introduction to Statistics
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Introduction to Management

- Personal Nutrition/Introduction to Nutrition
- ServSafe Manager Certification Course

Accelerated Program Pathway to MSND: Coordinated Program

Students admitted to the Accelerated Program Pathway are permitted to take up to 12 credits of graduate coursework for shared credit while they are still an undergraduate. In order to earn the master's degree, students must also enroll in and complete all required elements of the MSND graduate degree program.

Admission to the accelerated MS in Nutrition and Dietetics requires the following:

- Completion of a minimum of 60 hours of undergraduate course credit
- Completion of NTR 2100 with a grade of B or better.
- Minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.25.
- Approval of the Graduate Coordinator and the Graduate School.

To apply for the Accelerated Program Pathway to the MS in Nutrition and Dietetics, applicants meeting the above requirements must submit the Graduate School's Accelerated Program Application to the Graduate school.

Shared Credit Course Options: Once approved for the program, 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. Students will meet with their undergraduate Academic Advisor each semester to select their shared courses, and the Academic Advisor will submit the Shared Course form for approval to the Graduate Coordinator and the Graduate School.

Students in the Accelerated Program Pathway will select up to 12 s.h. from the following shared courses in consultation with their undergraduate academic advisor and the Coordinated Program Director:

Nine (9) semester hours from the following:

- NTR 5151 - Nutrition and Dietetics in Public Health OR NTR 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education and Behavior*
- NTR 5150 - Medical Nutrition Therapy OR NTR 5154 - Medical Nutrition Therapy
- NTR 5600 - Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics

And three (3) semester hours from the following:

- NTR 4750 - Advanced Human Nutrition.
- NTR 4751 - Nutrition Therapy.
- NTR 4752 - Focus on Diabetes.
- NTR 4753 - Nutrition and the Addicted Person.
- NTR 4754 - Social Marketing for Nutrition Education Professionals
- PUBH 5770 - Leadership and Ethics for Health Professionals
- NTR 5160 - Food Insecurity
- NTR 5161 - Focus on Eating Disorders
- NTR 5230 - Special Topics in Nutrition

*Replaces NTR 3756 in undergraduate curriculum

3+2 Pathway to MSND: Coordinated Program:

The 3+2 Pathway allows admitted students to complete both the BS Nutrition and the MS Nutrition & Dietetics: Coordinated Program within 5 calendar years. Applications to the EIU 3+2 Pathway are accepted in fall of junior year for admission to the following fall's cohort. Students accepted into the 3+2 Pathway are direct-admitted to the MSND: Coordinated Program, and are not required to participate in the DICAS match process. Students will complete their remaining undergraduate courses along with 18 credits of graduate course work during their senior year; the 18 credits of graduate course work will also count toward completion of their undergraduate degree. Upon completion of all degree requirements for the MSND:CP, including 1000+ clock hours of supervised practice, students will be issued a verification statement which permits them to sit for the RDN credential exam. Supervised practice placements are coordinated by the Coordinated Program Director.

Admission Requirements for the 3+2 Pathway:

- Currently enrolled in the B.S. Nutrition program at EIU
- Cumulative EIU GPA of 3.00/4.00
- Completion of all required NTR course work with a grade of C or better
- A failed prerequisite course (D, F, NF) may not be repeated more than once to receive a passing grade of C or higher.

3+2 Pathway Course of Study

FALL Year 4 (Enter 3+2 Pathway):

NTR 5600 - Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics Credits: 3

NTR 5150 - Medical Nutrition Therapy. Credits: 3

NTR 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education and Behavior Credits: 3

PUBH 4783 - Health Politics and Policy Credits: 3

SPRING Year 4:

NTR 5610 - Systematic Reviews in Nutrition and Dietetics Credits: 3

NTR 5154 - Medical Nutrition Therapy Credits: 3

PUBH 5770: Leadership and Ethics for Health Professionals Credits: 3

NTR 3756: Community Nutrition Interventions (Please see EIU Undergraduate Catalog for information regarding this course.) Credits: 3

SUMMER Year 4*:

Graduate-level Elective(s) Credits: 3

NTR 5151 - Nutrition and Dietetics in Public Health Credits: 3

FALL Year 5*:

NTR 5981 - Dietetic Internship Credits: 3

NTR 5982 - Dietetic Internship Credits: 3

SPRING Year 5*

NTR 5983 - Dietetic Internship Credits: 3

NTR 5984 - Dietetic Internship Credits: 3

*Actual schedule may vary based on supervised practice placement schedule. Students who begin their supervised practice during the summer term may be able to graduate in Fall rather than Spring.

Approved DCC 9.9.25

Approved Dept 9.15.25

Approved CCC 10.9.25

Approved CAA

Approved CGS:

Proposed Modifications to Certificate in Geographic Information Sciences

Summary of Changes:

The proposed changes comprise (a) the change of one required course (GEO 5810 to substitute for GEO 4810), (b) separation of electives into “techniques” and “applied” groups, and (c) addition of related courses from other programs as electives.

Rationale:

The proposed changes are needed to streamline the certificate, keep it up to date with evolving GIS technology, and make it more accessible to students pursuing other graduate degrees. The substitution of GEO 5810 for GEO 4810 reflects the importance of GIS in today’s industry; GEO 4810 (Cartography and Geo Data Visualization) will remain available as an elective. Inclusion of related courses from other master’s degree programs will enable students in those programs to obtain a GIS Certificate that complements their degree, while separation of electives into two groups will ensure that students obtain a sufficiently rigorous foundation in the fundamentals of GIS to apply it to their research and/or careers.

Current Catalog Copy with Proposed Changes:

Geology/Geography: Certificate in Geographic Information Sciences

Purpose of the Program: The mission of the GISci Certificate Program is to provide individuals who hold a Bachelor’s degree in disciplines in which GIS is widely used, such as geography, the environmental life sciences, history and economics, with the requisite knowledge base to be proficient in GISci. Specifically, the certificate will allow individuals to be competitive in both the job market as well as in admission to higher-level degree programs. Students may choose to earn the certificate online or on-campus.

Admission Requirements: To be eligible for admission to the GISci Certificate Program, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to the Graduate School (see “[Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs](#)”) ~~and the PSM in Geographic Information Sciences.~~

Degree Audit: The graduate plan of study is the EIU Degree Audit, which is generated automatically at the time of degree or certificate candidacy. Modifications of the standard EIU Degree Audit are submitted by the graduate coordinator to the certification officer in the Graduate School at the time modifications are approved. The Degree Audit serves as an unofficial summary of requirements for the program. Degree and certificate candidates are advised to review the comprehensive summary of the Degree Audit process specified on the “[Requirements for All Degree and Certificate Candidates](#)” section of the Graduate Catalog. Individual programs may require candidates to submit plans of study in addition to the Degree Audit, candidates should consult with the program coordinator.

Course/Curriculum Requirements

The GiSci Certificate requires 18 semester hours of study including ~~both required and elective courses. Specific requirements are as follows:~~ courses from groups 1-3 below as follows:

- 6 credits from Group 1
- 6 credits from Group 2
- 6 additional credits from either Group 2 or Group 3

Note: A maximum of 6 credits at the 4750-4999 level will apply.

Group 1: Required Courses

Students must complete the following core courses. Credits: 6

- ~~GEO 4810 – Cartography and Geographic Data Visualization Credits: 3~~
- GEO 5810 Introduction to Geographic Information Science. Credits: 3
- GEO 5820 - Remote Sensing I Credits: 3

Group 2: Techniques Electives ~~Courses~~

~~Students must complete 12 hours in the following elective courses to fulfill credit requirements. Credits: 12~~

~~Maximum of 6 credits at the 4750-4999 level will apply.~~

- GEO 4810 – Cartography and Geographic Data Visualization. Credits: 3
- ~~BIO 4820 – Spatial Analysis for Environmental Sciences Credits: 4~~
- ~~BIO 4840 – Resource Management and Environmental Assessment Credits: 3~~
- GEO 4910 - GIS Programming Credits: 4
- ~~BIO 5380 – Landscape Ecology. Credits: 3~~
- GEO 5870 - Remote Sensing II Credits: 3
- GEO 5825 - Advanced Lidar Mapping Credits: 3
- GEO 5830 - GIS: Building Geodatabases Credits: 3
- GEO 5880 - Modeling the Earth with GIS Credits: 3

Group 3: Applied Electives

- BIO 4820 - Spatial Analysis for Environmental Sciences Credits: 4
- BIO 4840 - Resource Management and Environmental Assessment Credits: 3
- BIO 5380 - Landscape Ecology. Credits: 3
- CERE 5953 – Sustainability Research. Credits: 3
- CERE 5983 – Sustainability Practicum. Credits: 3
- GEO 5200 - Human Impacts on the Environment. Credits: 3
- HIS 5999 - Capstone in Graduate History
- MBA 5670 - Management of Information Technologies Credits: 3
- PLS 5153 - Cities and Urban Policy in the U.S. Federal System Credits: 3
- PLS 5163 - State Governments and Policy in the U.S. Federal System Credits: 3
- TEC 5173 – Global Technology. Credits: 3
- TEC 5323 - Advanced Database Technology. Credits: 3
- TEC 5333 - Management of Computer Technology. Credits: 3

Substitution for Equivalent Courses

If students have equivalent courses from their undergraduate degree programs, alternative GiSci courses may be taken instead upon approval of the GiSci ~~graduate~~ certificate coordinator.

Courses Applicable Toward a Specific Concurrent or Future Degree Program

Courses in this program may be counted toward **any Masters degree program at EIU** ~~an MS in Biological Sciences, PSM in Geographic Information Sciences, or the MA in Economics~~ with permission of the graduate student's committee

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Geology/Geography: Certificate in Geographic Information Sciences

Purpose of the Program: The mission of the GISci Certificate Program is to provide individuals who hold a Bachelor's degree in disciplines in which GIS is widely used, such as geography, the environmental life sciences, history and economics, with the requisite knowledge base to be proficient in GISci. Specifically, the certificate will allow individuals to be competitive in both the job market as well as in admission to higher-level degree programs. Students may choose to earn the certificate online or on-campus.

Admission Requirements: To be eligible for admission to the GISci Certificate Program, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to the Graduate School (see "[Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs](#)").

Degree Audit: The graduate plan of study is the EIU Degree Audit, which is generated automatically at the time of degree or certificate candidacy. Modifications of the standard EIU Degree Audit are submitted by the graduate coordinator to the certification officer in the Graduate School at the time modifications are approved. The Degree Audit serves as an unofficial summary of requirements for the program. Degree and certificate candidates are advised to review the comprehensive summary of the Degree Audit process specified on the "[Requirements for All Degree and Certificate Candidates](#)" section of the Graduate Catalog. Individual programs may require candidates to submit plans of study in addition to the Degree Audit, candidates should consult with the program coordinator.

Course/Curriculum Requirements

The GiSci Certificate requires 18 semester hours of study including courses from groups 1-3 below as follows:

- 6 credits from Group 1
- 6 credits from Group 2
- 6 additional credits from either Group 2 or Group 3

Note: A maximum of 6 credits at the 4750-4999 level will apply.

Group 1: Required Courses

- GEO 5810 – Introduction to Geographic Information Science Credits: 3
- GEO 5820 - Remote Sensing I Credits: 3

Group 2: Techniques Electives

- GEO 4810 - Cartography and Geographic Data Visualization Credits: 3
- GEO 4910 - GIS Programming Credits: 4
- GEO 5870 - Remote Sensing II Credits: 3
- GEO 5825 - Advanced Lidar Mapping Credits: 3
- GEO 5830 - GIS: Building Geodatabases Credits: 3
- GEO 5880 - Modeling the Earth with GIS Credits: 3

Group 3: Applied Electives

- BIO 4820 - Spatial Analysis for Environmental Sciences Credits: 4

- BIO 4840 - Resource Management and Environmental Assessment Credits: 3
- BIO 5380 - Landscape Ecology. Credits: 3
- CERE 5953 – Sustainability Research. Credits: 3
- CERE 5983 – Sustainability Practicum. Credits: 3
- GEO 5200 - Human Impacts on the Environment. Credits: 3
- HIS 5999 - Capstone in Graduate History
- MBA 5670 - Management of Information Technologies Credits: 3
- PLS 5153 - Cities and Urban Policy in the U.S. Federal System Credits: 3
- PLS 5163 - State Governments and Policy in the U.S. Federal System Credits: 3
- TEC 5173 – Global Technology. Credits: 3
- TEC 5323 - Advanced Database Technology. Credits: 3
- TEC 5333 - Management of Computer Technology. Credits: 3

Substitution for Equivalent Courses

If students have equivalent courses from their undergraduate degree programs, alternative GISci courses may be taken instead upon approval of the GISci Certificate coordinator.

Courses Applicable Toward a Specific Concurrent or Future Degree Program

Applicable courses in this program may be counted toward any Masters degree program at EIU with permission of the graduate student's committee.

Effective Year/Term: Fall [2026](#)

Date approved by the department or school: [Sep 30, 2025](#)

Date approved by the college curriculum committee: Oct 8, 2025

Date approved by CAA:



TO: Graduate Program Leaders

FROM: Angela S. Jacobs, Dean

RE: Proposal for Establishing Criteria for Micro-credentials and Stackable Certificates

DATE: October 22, 2025

This proposal seeks the creation of micro-credentials and stackable certificate options in established degree programs.

Rationale for Proposal:

- Assist departments in creating innovative programming that can (1) meet current market demands, (2) capture those students who need more immediate pathways to career advancement and reskilling/upskilling in a shorter time frame, and (3) attract learners to EIU who may not otherwise be able to access full graduate degree programs.
- Add flexibility across graduate programs to create innovative and interdisciplinary degree options.
- Provide credentialing/alternative degree options for students who start a degree program but do not finish.
- Create unique pathways that make matriculation into master's programs easier.
- Provide opportunities for graduate leaders to share resources in an effort to grow their own programs.

Micro-credentialing as a non-degree pathway:

Micro-credentials are short groupings of courses that represent a focused skill set or area of knowledge.

Proposed Policies:

1. Micro-credentials must focus on sets of knowledge in a particular subject area.
2. A minimum of 9 hours must be completed to qualify for a micro-credential.
3. Degree programs must identify 9-hour bundles of courses that will qualify as a micro-credential.
4. A maximum of 3 hours of courses numbered 4750-4999 may be applied to a micro-credential.
5. Semester hours earned in independent study, research, and thesis may not be applied to a micro-credential.
6. Semester hours earned in "z" courses may not be applied to a micro-credential.
7. All 9 hours must be taken in residence.

8. New students interested in enrolling in a micro-credential option only will be admitted as a non-degree seeking student. Students already admitted to a graduate program may enroll in micro-credentials at the discretion of the program coordinator/advisor.
9. The student must meet all admission requirements to the graduate school.
10. Students must successfully complete 100% of the courses required for the credential within 2 years.
11. Minimum GPA is 3.0
12. Upon completion of a micro credential, students will earn a digital badge.
13. With departmental approval, students can apply some or all of the semester hours of coursework earned from a micro-credential toward current or future graduate certificate and/or master's degree programs.

Micro-credential to Certificate Pathways

A certificate program is a specified series of credit courses which define a set of learning objectives. A minimum of 18 semester hours is required for all certificate programs.

Proposed Policies:

1. Micro-credentials (minimum of 9 hours) can be combined to create certificate programs.
2. Combined micro-credential programs can be intradepartmental or interdisciplinary.
3. Creation of these combined certificate programs shall be faculty led and program driven.
4. Programs must clearly identify which micro-credentials will stack towards a full certificate program.
5. Certificate programs will follow already established requirements for Graduate Certificate Programs.
6. Students seeking to stack micro-credentials towards a certificate program must apply as a degree-seeking student prior to the completion of the identified certificate program.
7. Admission to and completion of a micro-credential does not constitute automatic admission to a certificate program.
8. Courses completed as part of a micro-credential that will be used toward any current or future certificate program must be used within the established six-year time limit.

Stackable Certificates as a Pathway to Full Degree Programs

A stackable certificate is specifically designed to be part of a degree pathway, with credits that automatically apply toward a higher credential at the same institution.

Proposed Policies:

1. Certificates (minimum of 18 hours) may be stacked towards a master's degree program.
2. A minimum of 32 semester hours of study is required for the master's degree program where a stackable certificate is used.
3. Stackable certificates that lead to full degree pathways can be intradepartmental or interdisciplinary.
4. Programs must clearly identify the certificate program that may be stacked towards a full master's degree program.
5. Credits completed in the certificate program automatically apply towards the master's degree program.
6. Students may be offered direct admission from stackable certificate programs to master's programs if they meet specific requirements. Requirements for admission shall be program specific.
7. A capstone experience is required for master's degree programs created through the stackable certificate pathway.

8. The capstone experience may be counted as shared credit for interdisciplinary master's degree programs where stackable certificates are used.
9. Newly created master's degrees (or option areas in already established programs) should follow all other established requirements for Graduate Degree Programs at EIU.
10. Courses from the certificate program that will be used toward any current or future master's degree program must be completed within the established six-year time limit.

*Incoming students who seek to pursue interdisciplinary stackable certificates that lead to a full master's degree program at the onset of enrollment are encouraged to consult with both graduate program directors to determine a plan of study.