

TO: Mary Hennig, Certification Officer

FROM: Mikki Sherwood, SFCS Assistant Chair

DATE: October 9, 2015

ACTION REQUESTED:

Separate the MS in Nutrition and Dietetics into two separate options: MSND: Dietetic Internship Option and MSND: Nutrition Education Option.

RATIONALE:

The main group of students we have applying for our MSND program are those wanting to be a RD, and thus, are seeking the DI that is only available as part of the MSND. When a potential student applies for the MSND, the student is admitted provisionally (no financial aid is available and no GA eligibility) until he/she is matched with our DI. Once the student is matched and accepts the match, he/she is fully admitted into the MSND. We can only accept 16 students annually based on our current hospital availability.

By continuing the communication with the unmatched students and promoting the MS in FCS: Nutrition Education, we can increase our enrollment in the non-RD program and can also increase the application pool for a second matching process. As the non-matched student would be fully admitted into the Nutrition Education program, they can receive financial aid and will be eligible for a GA position. If the student is not matched the second time the student applies, then, the student will be well on their way to earning a master's degree in nutrition education. This can only help the DI application, if the student chooses to participate in the computer match process for a third time. And, we have gained another alumnus!

A second group of individuals we have are those graduate students who have an undergraduate degree in something other than dietetics, such as psychology or biology. These students need to earn the undergraduate DPD Verification Statement that verifies that they have achieved the undergraduate dietetics deficiencies. The first step for these students is to have me review their transcripts (\$20 fee) to determine the deficiencies and to plan a timeline of completion. Currently, I have 9 red folders, i.e. nine students in this category.

EFFECTIVE DATE: (i.e.: Fall 20XX, Spring 20XX):

Fall 2016

CURRENT CATALOG COPY:

See attached.

PROPOSED CATALOG COPY:

See attached.

Approved

School of Family and Consumer Sciences Curriculum Committee: October 15, 2015

LCBAS Curriculum Committee: November 10, 2015

Council on Graduate Studies: _____

Current Catalog Copy

Nutrition and Dietetics

The Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics is designed to equip graduates to work effectively in a variety of settings utilizing clinical, food service/management and/or community dietetics competencies. The 1080 contact hour accredited dietetic internship builds on undergraduate and graduate academic courses.

Curriculum Requirements

FCS Core 6 semester hours

- FCS 5460 – Current Issues and Trends. Credits: 3
- FCS 5900 – Research Methods in Family and Consumer Sciences. Credits: 3

Dietetics Core

Dietetics Core 12 semester hours

- FCS 5150 – Medical Nutrition Therapy. Credits: 2
- FCS 5153 – Nutrition in the Life Cycle. Credits: 2
- FCS 5155 – Principles of Nutrition Education. Credits: 3
- FCS 5152 – Readings in Nutrition Research. Credits: 2
- FCS 5154 – Medical Nutrition Therapy. Credits: 2
- FCS 5156 – Nutrition Services Management. Credits: 1

Dietetic Internship

Internship 12 semester hours

- FCS 5981 – Dietetic Internship. Credits: 3
- FCS 5982 – Dietetic Internship. Credits: 3
- FCS 5983 – Dietetic Internship. Credits: 3
- FCS 5984 – Dietetic Internship. Credits: 3

Elective Courses

Electives 6-8 semester hours:

Non-thesis: 8 semester hours electives

Thesis: 3 semester hours thesis + 3 semester hours electives, such as independent study, statistics, additional thesis hours or a course.

Proposed Catalog Copy

The Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics offers two options: Dietetic Internship and Nutrition Education. While both programs of study provide students with a focus on nutrition education and research, the Dietetic Internship Option includes the ACEND accredited Dietetic Internship that will allow the successful student to take the Registration Examination for Dietitian Nutritionists.

Nutrition and Dietetics: Dietetic Internship Option

Program Mission: The Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics: Dietetic Internship Option is designed to equip graduates to work effectively in a variety of settings utilizing clinical, food service/management and/or community dietetics competencies. The 1280 contact hour accredited dietetic internship builds on undergraduate and graduate academic courses. 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 2000, 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”). 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 graduate coordinator before the Dietetic Internship sections can be taken.

Applicants who have not completed a baccalaureate family and consumer sciences program will be expected to satisfy undergraduate deficiency course requirements in addition to their graduate course requirements. The graduate coordinator will identify the undergraduate deficits at the time the admission decision is made. Potential undergraduate deficiencies could be Life Span Human Development (FCS 1800), Personal Nutrition (FCS 2100), and Personal and Family Finances (FCS 3300).

Degree Audit: The graduate plan of study is the EIU Degree Audit, which is generated automatically in the Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) 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

Degree requirements include those outlined for a master’s degree by the Graduate School (see “Requirements for a Master’s Degree”).

The MSND: Dietetic Internship Option requires 36 semester hours, if a thesis is written, or 38 semester hours, if no thesis is written.

Nutrition and Dietetics: Dietetic Internship Core 31 semester hours

- FCS 5150 – Medical Nutrition Therapy – Fall. Credits: 2
- FCS 5152 – Readings in Nutrition Research. Credits: 2
- FCS 5153 – Nutrition Education in the Life Cycle. Credits: 3
- FCS 5154 – Medical Nutrition Therapy – Spring. Credits: 2

- FCS 5155 – Principles of Nutrition Education. Credits: 3
- FCS 5156 – Nutrition Services Management. Credits: 1
- FCS 5460 – Current Issues and Trends. Credits: 3
- FCS 5900 – Research Methods in Family and Consumer Sciences. Credits: 3
- FCS 5981 – Dietetic Internship. Credits: 3
- FCS 5982 – Dietetic Internship. Credits: 3
- FCS 5983 – Dietetic Internship. Credits: 3
- FCS 5984 – Dietetic Internship. Credits: 3

Electives 5-7 semester hours:

Non-thesis: 7 semester hours electives

Thesis: 3 semester hours thesis + 2 semester hours electives, in which more thesis hours could be selected.

Nutrition and Dietetics: 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.

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”). Applicants who have not completed a baccalaureate family and consumer sciences program will be expected to satisfy undergraduate deficiency course requirements in addition to their graduate course requirements. Potential undergraduate deficiencies could be Life Span Human Development (FCS 1800), Personal Nutrition (FCS 2100), and Personal and Family Finances (FCS 3300).

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Degree Requirements

Degree requirements include those outlined for a master’s degree by the Graduate School (see “Requirements for a Master’s Degree”).

The MSND: Nutrition Education Option requires 36 semester hours, if a thesis is written, or 38 semester hours, if no thesis is written.

Nutrition and Dietetics: Nutrition Education Option Core 20 semester hours

- FCS 4756 – Adult Weight Management. Credits: 3
- FCS 4757 – Food Product Development. Credits: 3
- FCS 5152 – Readings in Nutrition Research. Credits: 2
- FCS 5153 – Nutrition Education in the Life Cycle. Credits: 3
- FCS 5155 – Principles of Nutrition Education. Credits: 3
- FCS 5460 – Current Issues and Trends. Credits: 3
- FCS 5900 – Research Methods in Family and Consumer Sciences. Credits: 3

Electives 16-18 semester hours:

Non-thesis: 18 semester hours electives

Thesis: 16 hours of which 3-6 semester hours are thesis hours