

**Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics
Program Revisions**

CGS Agenda Item: 18-21
Effective Fall 2018

ACTIONS REQUESTED:

MSND: Dietetic Internship (DI) Option

- a. Reduce required hours from 36/38 to 33
- b. Delete FCS 5460 and FCS 5900 as required courses
- c. Increase the semester hours of FCS 5150 and FCS 5154 through Executive Action request
- d. New course proposal for FCS 5600
- e. Course revision for FCS 5155
- f. **Course revision of FCS 5159**
- g. Delete FCS 5152 as a course offering through Executive Action request (effective Spring 2019)

MSND: Nutrition Education (NE) Option

- a. Reduce required hours from 36/38 to 33
- b. Delete FCS 4757, FCS 5460, and FCS 5900 as required courses
- c. New course proposal for FCS 5600
- d. Course revision for FCS 5155
- e. Offer NE students to take FCS 5156 through Executive Action request
- f. **Course revision of FCS 5159**
- g. Delete FCS 5152 as a course offering through Executive Action request (effective Spring 2019)
- h. **Offer program in two formats: online and on campus**

RATIONALE:

MSND: DI Option

The proposed changes were designed to lower the total cost of the program by reducing the number of semester hours needed, which makes the program more accessible to students. The new Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics (FCS 5600) incorporates key content from FCS 5900 and FCS 5152. The addition of the hours to FCS 5150, FCS 5152, and FCS 5154 are needed to better prepare the graduate students for the Dietetic Internship.

MSND: NE Option

The proposed changes were designed to lower the total cost of the program by reducing the number of semester hours needed, as well as to be able to offer the required courses all online for the proposed MSND: NE online option. This makes the program more accessible to and cost effective for students.

Students can enroll in either the on campus or online NE program.

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

Fall 2018

Approved FCS Graduate Faculty:	November 6, 2017
Approved FCS Curriculum Committee:	November 29, 2017
Approved LCBAS Curriculum Committee:	January 30, 2018
Approved Council on Graduate Studies:	

Nutrition and Dietetics: Current 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.

Dietetic Internship Option

Program Mission: The MSND: Dietetic Internship Option with its Nutrition Education Emphasis integrates research with 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 includes the following:

Letter of Intent 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

Two 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
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 - 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 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. Please note that no more than 30% of your graduate degree credits may come from online courses. The 1200 hour, full-time dietetic internship will be completed in courses FCS 5981 through FCS 5984, and must be completed within 45 weeks. All hours will be completed in the United States.

Dietetic Internship Core 31 semester hours

- [FCS 5150 - Medical Nutrition Therapy](#). Credits: 2
- [FCS 5152 - Readings in Nutrition Research](#) Credits: 2
- [FCS 5153 - Nutrition Education Throughout the Life Cycle](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 5154 - Medical Nutrition Therapy](#) Credits: 2
- [FCS 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education](#). Credits: 3
- [FCS 5156 - Nutrition Services Management](#) Credits: 1
- [FCS 5460 - Current Issues and Trends in Family & Consumer Sciences](#) 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.

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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 Throughout the Life Cycle](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 5460 - Current Issues and Trends in Family & Consumer Sciences](#) 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

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Dietetic Internship Core **28** semester hours

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- [FCS 5153 - Nutrition Education Throughout the Life Cycle](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 5154 - Medical Nutrition Therapy](#) Credits: **3**
- [FCS 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education and Behavior](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 5156 - Nutrition Services Management](#) Credits: 1
- [FCS 5600 – Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) 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 semester hours, to be selected in consultation with Graduate Advisor

Nutrition Education Option

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The MSND: Nutrition Education Option requires 33 semester hours.

Nutrition and Dietetics: Nutrition Education Option Core 12 semester hours

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- ~~[FCS 5152 – Readings in Nutrition Research](#)~~
- [FCS 5153 - Nutrition Education Throughout the Life Cycle](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education and Behavior](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 5159 – Behavior Modification in Adult Weight Management](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 5600 - Research Methodologies in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) Credits: 3

Electives: 21 semester hours, to be selected in consultation with Graduate Advisor.