

**LUMPKIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND APPLIED
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TO: Council on Graduate Studies

FROM: Mahyar Izadi, Dean

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE ACTION

DATE: April 13, 2016

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- Modify Graduate Admissions policy for the MS in Nutrition and Dietetics
- Add note of maximum online courses for the MS in Nutrition and Dietetics

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Linda Simpson, Chair, School of Family and Consumer Sciences

TO: Amy Annis, LCBAS Certification Officer

FROM: Linda Simpson, SFCS Chair

DATE: April 13, 2016

EXECUTIVE ACTION REQUESTED:

Modify Graduate Admissions policy for the MSND and note maximum number of online courses for the MSND: DI Option

RATIONALE:

With the increased number of students applying for MSND: Nutrition Education Option who have marginal undergraduate GPAs and to be more consistent with the requirements for international students, we would like to update the MSND Graduate Admissions to include two letters of reference and a letter of intent written by the student as well as the Graduate School GPA requirement.

Per accreditation standards, no more than 30% of graduate hours may be taken online, thus, the addition of the sentence in the DI Option.

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

Summer 2016

CURRENT CATALOG COPY:

See attached.

PROPOSED CATALOG COPY:

See attached.

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.

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 meet 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.

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Degree Requirements

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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.

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Proposed Catalog Copy

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Two recent **letters of recommendation**:

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