

M.A. IN DIETETICS ADVISEMENT WORKSHEET 2020-2021
OU Health Science Center, College of Allied Health
Oklahoma City

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While pursuing a degree at UCO, the following courses must be completed with a “C” or better to qualify for admissions to the Dietetics Program at OUHSC:

Required Courses (If applying with a Bachelor’s Degree):

BIO 2102	Bio & Med Terminology
BIO 2314	Intro to Microbiology & Lab
BIO 2314L	Intro to Microbiology Lab
*BIO 2604	Human Physiology & Laboratory
BIO 2604L	Human Physiology Laboratory
PHY 1114	General Physics I
CHEM 1112	General Chem I
CHEM 1103	General Chem I Lab
CHEM 1223	General Chem II
CHEM 1232	General Chem II Lab
*CHEM 3403	Biochemistry I
CHEM 3303	Organic Chem I
*NTRN 1513	Intro to Nutrition
SOC 2103	Sociology

**Have to be taken in the five years prior to admission.*

*If you have any questions regarding prerequisites or are transferring credits from outside UCO, please discuss this with your advisor. **Additional prerequisite courses are required if applying without a Bachelor’s Degree.***

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Admission to the program requires completion of prerequisite course work and submission of all application materials by the **February 1st** deadline. The Department Admissions Committee will review application materials. To be considered for admission to the Dietetics Program, an application must:

1. Have successfully completed, or be in the process of completing prerequisite course work from an accredited college or university prior to matriculation to the program. A bachelor’s degree must be earned prior to enrollment in the program;
2. Have a minimum cumulative and science grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for all college work and science courses attempted. See this link for which courses are included in the calculation of Science GPA:
<https://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/Portals/1058/Assets/Science%20%26%20Non-Science%20GPA%20Courses.pdf>
3. Submit official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended & application fees;
4. Submit a completed on-line application
<https://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/Applying-to-a-Program>
5. Students for who English is a second language must submit a minimum score of 600 (paper-based) or 100 (internet-based) within two years prior to application on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
6. GRE scores and Resume are not required or preferred for the Master of Arts in Dietetics

PROGRAM PROCEDURE:

1. Follow the step-by-step process for successful application.
<https://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/>
2. Submit the following by February 1st for fall admission:
 - A completed OUHSC application;
 - Official transcripts from colleges or universities attended;
 - Non-refundable application fees;
 - Application materials as requested on the “Apply to a Program” website.
3. Students accepted for admission must confirm their intention to enroll and attend by paying a non-refundable deposit. The deposit is applied toward tuition and fees during the first term.

A recently admitted class had the following academic averages: 23 Applied | 21 Admitted | 3.35 Avg. Cumulative GPA | 3.15 Avg. Science GPA

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This program prepares students to become Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs), who use food to improve the lives of their patients. RDNs work across the spectrum of health and disease, from developing new methods of food production and delivery, to preventing disease and enhancing performance in healthy individuals, to reducing the burden of disease after diagnosis. The program begins in the fall and consists of 64 credit hours of sequenced and integrated didactic and clinical courses to earn a master’s degree in 24 months. Students complete clinical rotations that provide a “hands-on” experience of working with patients and in the community. Upon completion of the program, the graduate is eligible to take the Registry Examination for Dietitians.

PRE-DIETETICS

Dietitians are experts in the use of food and nutrition to promote health and manage disease. They advise people on what to eat in order to lead a healthy lifestyle or achieve a specific health-related goal. Dietitians evaluate the health of their clients. Based on their findings, dietitians advise clients on which foods to eat—and which to avoid—to improve their health. Many dietitians provide customized information for specific individuals. For example, a dietitian might teach a client with diabetes how to plan meals to balance the client’s blood sugar. Others work with groups of people who have similar needs. For example, a dietitian might plan a diet with healthy fat and limited sugar to help clients who are at risk for heart disease. They may work with other healthcare professionals to coordinate patient care. Dietitians who are self-employed may meet with patients, or they may work as consultants for a variety of organizations. They may need to spend time on marketing and other business-related tasks, such as scheduling appointments, keeping records, and preparing educational programs or informational materials for clients.

Salary: According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the national average salaries for Dietitians is around **\$60,370**.

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For more information about Dietitians and Dietetic Programs: <https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend>

For the latest information about the OUHSC Dietetic program and how to apply:

<https://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/Academic-Programs/MA-in-Dietetics#13886142-program-description>

For OUHSC Dietetic program information and assistance with application materials, contact:

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