

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NUTRITION (M.S.)

Purpose

The Master of Science in Nutrition program is structured to prepare students for positions in nutrition across a broad variety of settings. Students are educated in a wide array of specialized topics within the scientific study of human nutrition designed to promote the development of a healthy lifestyle.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Communicate nutrition information using effective written, oral, and electronic methods.
- Evaluate the needs of individuals, groups, and organizations in light of food and nutrition knowledge.
- Conduct evaluation and research related to nutrition.
- Describe nutrition from the perspective of God's purpose for health and well-being.
- Apply the knowledge of the literature in the nutrition discipline.

Program Specific Admission Procedures

In addition to the general admission requirements, admission to the **Master of Science in Nutrition** program requires:

1. Earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.)
2. An undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above (on a 4.00 scale)
3. TOEFL Scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper-based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test).

Students with a GPA between 2.5-2.99 may be admitted on Academic Caution status. Students who have an undergraduate below 2.50 GPA will not be admitted to the program.

Transfer Credit

Students may transfer up to 18 graduate credit hours from an accredited institution subject to department approval. In order to transfer credit, students must have earned the minimum grade of B-, and courses must have been completed within 10 years of the start date of the program. Credits from a prior degree on the same academic level earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

Program of Study

Delivery Format: Online Only

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Career Opportunities

Students who choose this program will be equipped to pursue careers as a non-licensed nutritionist in traditional or alternative settings. Usually, these jobs entail providing advice and counseling clients on nutritional and dietary matters. Sites in which one may find a non-

licensed nutritionist in states not requiring licensure for nutritionists include:

- alternative medicine practice
- holistic health centers
- private practice
- community centers
- nonprofit organizations
- fitness and beauty centers
- retail
- industry