

Application to the M.S. in Nutrition and Health Science and Supervised Practice Experience (Coordinated Program) at Pepperdine University

Application due dates

Option A- Internal Pepperdine students

January 15th

Option B- External students

May admission: January 15th

Fall admission: February 15th and April 15th rolling admission

Spring admission: November 1st

Admission Requirements

A bachelor's degree from an institutionally accredited college or university, with an overall and major GPA of 3.00 is required.

Applicants must: 1) be currently enrolled in the Pepperdine BS in Nutritional Science degree OR 2) currently completing, or have completed, a Bachelor's degree program from an institutionally accredited college or university and met the pre-requisite course requirements as listed on the application instructions.

CP candidates should meet the minimum application standards of Pepperdine University.

***Please note – the program is currently unable to admit students with an F-1 visa. We are in the process of obtaining certification, please check with the director on the status.**

Requirements for Becoming a Credentialed Registered Dietitian Nutritionist include:

1. Complete a minimum of a master's degree granted by a college or university accredited by a U.S. Department of Education recognized accrediting agency or foreign equivalent, and coursework through an Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics accredited Didactic, Coordinated, Graduate or International program.
2. Complete required supervised practice/experience through an ACEND-accredited Dietetic Internship, Coordinated Program, or Graduate Program offered through an ACEND-accredited program.
3. Pass the national exam for registered dietitians. Once requirement 1 and 2 are complete, you are eligible to sit for the national exam for registered dietitians.
4. Meet any requirements that are specific to your individual state regarding licensure.

Application Process

Option A- Internal Applicants for students majoring in Nutritional Science at Seaver College

***Students should submit an application their junior year for decisions to be made before registering for their senior year courses.**

Applications must be submitted by January 15th of each year, with interviews conducted the first week of February. Admission decisions will be made by March 1st.

Application Requirements:

1. Students must submit an **application by 8 p.m. on the due date.** For juniors applying to the CP, the application materials should be emailed to the program director. Please contact the director for the application. sunnie.delano@pepperdine.edu

Option B- External Applicants- students who have completed their bachelor's degree outside of Pepperdine, at an institutionally accredited college or university, in nutrition or another subject (see pre-requisite course list).

1. Students must submit an **application and required materials by 8 p.m. on the due date** through the online application portal.
<https://seaver.pepperdine.edu/admission/application/graduate/graduate-applications.htm>

For all applicants- Option A and B

2. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an in-person interview.
3. Students will be asked to interview with a selection committee consisting of program director, 2 members of the Nutritional Science faculty and 1-2 Nutritional Science/ Dietetics professionals/preceptors.

Selection Criteria*:

- Cumulative Bachelor's degree GPA (3.0 minimum)
- DPD course Requirements GPA (2.8 minimum)
- No more than three grades below a "B-" in DPD courses
- Nutrition/Food/Dietetics/Public Health work and volunteer experiences -include Resume **(200 hours minimum, documented)***
- Personal Statement
- Letters of Recommendation (3). This should include two faculty members and 1 supervisor who you worked with in a paid or unpaid position.
- Results of the student interview with the selection committee (rubric used)
*Rubric of selection criteria will be used to standardize the application process across all applicants.
- **One copy of official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.**

Pre-requisite courses (DPD) required for application to the M.S. in Nutrition and Health Science and Supervised Practice Experience (Coordinated Program)

*Equivalent to a course may be reviewed and accepted.

Course	*Title of Course	Units	Laboratory
NUTR 101	Seminar in Dietetics	1	no
NUTR 211	Nutrition Through the Life Cycle	2	no
NUTR 212	Nutritional Sciences	4	yes (3 hours)
NUTR 213	Introductory Foods	4	yes (3 hours)
NUTR 310	Principles of Nutrition	4	no
NUTR 313	Foodservice Systems Management	4	yes (3 hours)
NUTR 360	Therapeutic Nutrition for Populations	3	yes (2 hours)
NUTR 440	Public Health Nutrition	4	yes (4 hours)
NUTR 460	Therapeutic Nutrition for Individuals	3	yes (2 hours)
BIOL 211	Cell Biology	4	yes (3 hours)
BIOL 270	Human Physiology	4	yes (3 hours)
BIOL 420	Principles of Microbiology	4	yes (4 hours)
CHEM 120	General Chemistry I	4	yes (4 hours)
CHEM 121	General Chemistry II	4	yes (4 hours)
CHEM 310	Organic Chemistry I	4	yes (4 hours)
CHEM 330	Principles of Biochemistry	4	yes (4 hours)
MATH 150	Calculus I	4	no
MATH 316	Biostatistics	3	no
MATH 317	Research Methods in Statistics	2	yes (2 hours)