

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DIETETICS

This 17 month non-thesis degree is an accredited, advanced degree dietetic internship program with a concentration in Community Research and Wellness designed for students who want to complete their ACEND accredited 1000 hour supervised practice experience concurrently with related graduate coursework. The M.S./DI program requires 36 graduate hours including 9 hours of internship practicum and 12 hours of electives. Graduates of this program become eligible to sit for the Registration Examination for Dietitians.

Students must pass a written comprehensive exam at the end of the program in order to obtain a M.S. degree. Students must be enrolled in the University during the semester or summer session in which the comprehensive exam is administered.

The SHSU M.S./DI program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, (800) 877-1600, ext. 5400. Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics website (<https://www.eatright.org/>).

Dietetic Internship application deadline is February 15:

1. Submission of the online centralized internship application (DICAS)
2. Register with D&D Digital for computer matching
3. SHSU DI Application Fee

**Only students matched to the DI program will complete the M.S. in Dietetics application.**

The following documents must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Admissions (<https://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-admissions/prospective-students.html>):

1. Graduate Application (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>)
2. Application fee (<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies/application-fee.html>)
3. Official transcript from baccalaureate degree granting institution, including the transcript that shows the date the undergraduate degree was conferred
4. Official GRE scores - minimum score of 290 (verbal + quantitative)

Students should have a minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA or GPA of 3.0 or higher within the last 60 hours. A holistic review of each student's application will be completed on a competitive basis.

The DPD verification statement from an ACEND accredited program with original signature must be submitted to the DI Director prior to the start date of the program.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Master of Science in Dietetics</b>		
<b>Specified Courses</b>		
FACS 5079	Dietetic Internship Practicum <sup>1</sup>	9
FACS 5330	Seminar Fam & Consumer Sci Rsch	3
FACS 5367	Consumer & Food Technology	3
FACS 5375	Seminar in Recent Developments in Family and Consumer Sciences	3
FACS 5383	Research Problems	3
FACS 5385	Sports Nutrition	3
FACS 5395	Dietary Supplements	3
FACS 5396	Cultural Food Counseling	3
FACS 5398	Public Health Nutrition	3
SOCI 5314	Social Statistics	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> FACS 5079 is taken three times for a total of nine hours.

**Note:** All courses require Graduate Standing and admittance in MS in Dietetics program.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The MS in Dietetics is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Review literature and research for best evidence-based practices.
- Nutrition counseling and presentations.
- Implementation of research methods.
- Analysis and interpretation of data.
- Work with an interdisciplinary team towards a common goal.