

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DIETETICS

This 17 month non-thesis degree is an accredited, advanced degree and dietetic internship program designed for students who want to complete their ACEND accredited 1000 hour supervised practice experience concurrently with related graduate coursework. The Masters of Science in Dietetics and Dietetic Internship program requires 36 graduate hours including 9 hours of internship practicum. 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 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 (<http://www.eatrightpro.org/resources/acend/>).

Additional information: Reference the Program Landing Page (<https://www.shsu.edu/programs/graduate/dietetics/>) for additional information, such as cost, delivery format, contact information, or to schedule a visit.

Admission Requirements

All applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for program admission:

- GPA Requirement: Overall GPA of 3.0 or GPA of 3.0 or greater within the last 60 hours of academic work.
- GRE Requirement: The GRE requirement will be WAIVED if the applicant graduated with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. However, if the applicant has a cumulative GPA less than 3.0, the GRE will be required with a minimum score of 290.
- Verification Statement or Declaration of Intent to Complete Degree from an ACEND-accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD). Students who have completed the DPD five or more years prior to the internship start date are required to update their core knowledge with at least two additional upper-level dietetics courses prior to potential admission to the program. Courses must be completed through an ACEND-accredited nutrition and dietetics program. One course must be in the subject area of Medical Nutrition Therapy. The student should contact the program director to discuss additional coursework.
- Completion of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.

Dietetic Internship Application Instructions

Important Application dates:

- October 1st, 2024, for Priority Applications in DICAS open
- November 1st, 2024, is the Priority DICAS Application deadline
- January 20th, 2025, is the Regular DICAS Application deadline
- All applicants will be notified on or before March 1st, 2025
- All applicants are required to accept or decline their acceptance on or before March 15th, 2025.

Students applying for the MSDI Program are required to submit their application through DICAS (<https://portal.dicas.org>). The prospective student applicant is responsible for any fees associated with DICAS (<https://portal.dicas.org>).

Step 1: Submit your completed application through the online centralized internship application DICAS (<https://portal.dicas.org>)

Application through the online centralized internship application, DICAS (<https://portal.dicas.org>) must include:

- Personal Statement
- Three recommendation letters must be from 1) a dietetic academic professor, 2) a work or volunteer supervisor, and 3) a final reference of the applicant's choice.
- The fees to applicants for using DICAS (<https://portal.dicas.org>) will be \$50

Step 2: The Program Director will contact you to schedule an interview

Step 3: Students accepted into the MSDI program will be required to complete a SHSU Graduate Application (<https://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-admissions/>)

Application Review

Applications of qualified candidates will be reviewed by a selection committee and scored on GPA, GRE score, personal statement, recommendation letters, work & volunteer experience, awards, scholarship, and service (in that order).

Interviews: Applicants will be required to complete a virtual interview.

Code	Title	Hours
Master of Science in Dietetics		
Specified Courses		
DIET 5079	Dietetic Internship Practicum ¹	9
DIET 5367	Consumer & Food Technology	3
DIET 5383	Research Problems	3
DIET 5385	Sports Nutrition	3
DIET 5395	Dietary Supplements	3
DIET 5396	Cultural Food Counseling	3
DIET 5398	Public Health Nutrition	3
HUSC 5330	Seminar in Human Science Research	3
HUSC 5375	Seminar in Recent Developments in Human Science	3
SOCI 5314	Social Statistics	3
Total Hours		36

¹ DIET 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.