

Morrison Chartwells Dietetic Internship
Online Master of Science in Nutrition & Food Systems Degree Collaboration
w/ The University of Southern Mississippi (USM)

Qualifications to be accepted to MS program during internship:

- GPA Current Grade Requirements: ≥ 2.75 on the last 60 hours; 2.7 Science GPA (gen/org/bio chem, A&P, micro) and no grade lower than a C in any course
- Include GRE scores on DICAS application
- Three references letters (same ones can be used from DICAS application)

Admission

- Apply to Morrison Chartwells Dietetic Internship through DICAS and D&D.
- Intern is matched with Morrison Chartwells Dietetic Internship. Intern must immediately apply for background check through Pre-check and be of acceptable status to be admitted to the internship. (Internship will provide how to obtain background check to intern the day after match).
- Within a week of the match, intern applies to the USM graduate program (<http://www.usm.edu/graduate-school/apply-graduate-school>)
 - Complete online application with application fee (\$60)
 - Transcripts from all universities attended will need to be sent directly to USM (Note: Internship will need an original set of transcripts also)
 - Proof of immunization for measles and rubella or documentation that they qualify for a waiver. (Additional immunization is required for internship. Documentation for other immunization can be provided later to internship.)
- The Graduate School at USM will process the application and score the information listed under qualifications to be accepted to MS program to determine the acceptance status of the student. Based upon the score, the student will be admitted on regular or conditional status. Below are the requirements once admitted to graduate school, based on the admission status.
 - Regular admission—Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA and have no more than 2 grades lower than or equal to a C+
 - Conditional admission—Students must achieve a 3.0 on the 1st 9 hours of coursework to remain in the program. Additionally, Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA and have no more than 2 grades lower than or equal to a C+

Tuition and Financial Aid

For current tuition costs, check the [Business Services](http://www.usm.edu/business-services) Web site (<http://www.usm.edu/business-services>) or contact Business Services directly at (601) 266-4137. Tuition and fee costs may change over time without notice. You MUST contact Business Services for current tuition rates.

There is an additional fee associated with our online classes. However, if you are taking your courses completely online, you are exempt from out-of-state tuition costs. Students are responsible for books, supplies and room and board.

Financial Aid is available for graduate students. Those interested in such assistance should contact the Southern Miss [Office of Financial Aid](#) at 601-266-4774.

Coursework/Program Requirements

- Coursework begins June 1, 2016 for the summer semester (foundation/pre-requisite knowledge in MNT and Food Systems Management)
- 36-hour Master of Science program
- Fully online, 6-semester program
- Comprehensive exam in the final semester to be taken at an approved test proctoring center
- Non-thesis option: project research-based and results in a project to be submitted for peer review (i.e., poster session, presentation, and/or manuscript)
- Assignments/coursework requirements will be flexible to allow students to use current rotation activities as part of coursework requirements

Summer 1	Fall 1	Spring 1
NFS 630 (4 credit hrs) NFS 640 (4 credit hrs)	NFS 715 or 694 (3 credit hrs) NFS 664 (2 credit hrs)	NFS 715 or 694 (3 credit hrs) NFS 664 (2 credit hrs)
Summer 2	Fall 2	Spring 2
Statistics (3 credit hrs) Elective (3 credit hrs)	NFS 703 (3 credit hrs) Elective (3 credit hrs)	NFS 692 (3 credit hrs) Elective (3 credit hrs)

NFS 630 - Food Systems Management (3 hrs.)

Organization and management of food service operations, cost control techniques, food production and delivery systems.

NFS 640 - Advanced Medical Nutrition Therapy (3 hrs.)

Pathophysiology of disease and application of medical nutrition therapy to treatment.

NFS 662 - Community Health and Nutrition (3 hrs.)

Analysis of current public policy issues related to nutrition, including impact on health, quality of life, and productivity.

NFS 692 - Special Problems in Nutrition (non-thesis research requirement)(3 hrs.)

NFS 703 - Research Techniques for Nutrition and Food Systems (3 hrs.)

Prerequisite(s): Statistics The research process in nutrition and foodservice management with an emphasis on designing research projects and interpreting findings.

NFS 713 - Nutrition Education: Theory, Research, and Practice (3 hrs.)

An analysis of nutrition education theory, research and practice, with emphasis on planning, implementation and evaluation of nutrition education.

NFS 774 - Management of Nutritional Services: A Behavioral Approach (3 hrs.)

Study of individual and group behavior in the management of nutrition services.

NFS 780 - Advanced Practice in Nutrition and Food Systems (3 hrs.)

This course emphasizes integration of nutritional science concepts with foodservice systems in delivery of food and nutrition to clients in a variety of settings.

Internship start date and rotation hours:

Intern will complete 32 hours/wk of practicum experience and be allowed one day a week for class day, starting Aug 15, 2016. For weeks the intern is not in graduate school courses, he/she

are in practicum 40 hours vs 32 hours week. Intern has 3 day break at Thanksgiving (Nov 23-25) and 2 weeks during the December holidays (Dec 19-30). Intern will finish requirements for internship the week of May 26, 2017 and is highly encouraged to take RD exam by mid-July/August.

Internship rotation requirements will be the same as interns who are not in the MS degree program. Intern will come to the internship orientation in Atlanta, Sept. 6-9, 2016.