

University of the Pacific – Morrison MSDI Program

MHC DI has partnered with University the Pacific to allow interns to enroll in a fully online, asynchronous, 30-unit, [Master of Science in Nutrition Science Program](#). The program is designed to be completed in three trimesters (15 weeks each, in 12 calendar months). The online Master of Science in Nutrition Science program is a non-thesis degree that offers advanced training in human nutritional sciences for DPD graduates, Dietetic Interns, and practicing dietitians. Students complete the program by engaging a variety learning activities such as recorded lectures, reading, online discussion, and assignments. If necessary, instructors can meet with students live virtually to provide additional support.

The non-thesis research requirement (9 units in total) is a Nutrition Scholarly Project, which leads to a conference-style abstract and poster. Students are encouraged to submit their Project abstract to professional conferences before or after their graduation.

Admission and Application Requirements:

The curriculum requires 30 units of coursework.

Refer to the [University of the Pacific website](#) for full application details.

The admission requirements for University of the Pacific are as follows:

- An earned Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- GPA: 2.65 or higher
- Current registered dietitian/nutritionist credential OR a verification statement from a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) OR a verification statement or a Declaration of Intent from a dietetic internship
- GRE is not required
- Two letters of recommendation
- Up to 9 transfer units can be granted for prior coursework, with priority given to advanced clinical credentials, on a case-by-case basis. *
 - *Advanced clinical credentials to be considered must have requirements related to the number of hours of related experience obtained and successful performance on the certification exam. Examples include those administered by CDR: cdrnet.org/board-certified-specialist
- Application, required documents, and application fee submitted through the [University of the Pacific application](#) portal

Tentative Plan of Study:

Trimester	Summer Trimester (late April – early August)	Fall Trimester (late August- mid-December)	Spring (Early January- mid-April)
Units	12 units (12 of 30)	9 units (21 of 30)	9 units (30 of 30)
MS Courses	NUTR 202 (3 units, 15 weeks) NUTR 204A (3 units, 8 weeks)* NUTR 204B* (3 units, 8 weeks) NUTR 224 (3 units, 15 weeks)	NUTR 225 (3 units, 8 weeks) NUTR 225 (3 units, 8 weeks) NUTR 231A (3 units, 15 weeks)	NUTR 227 (3 units, 8 weeks) NUTR 228 (3 units, 8 weeks) NUTR 231B (3 units, 15 weeks)
MHC DI		Begin MHC DI: August	Complete MHC DI: April

*Offered in Spring and Summer trimesters.

Program Costs:

Tuition is \$773/unit regardless of the student's geographic location. ***There is no program fee.*** For students completing all 30 units of course work, the total tuition is \$23,190. For students who have transfer units, total tuition cost will vary depending the number of transfer units approved by the Dean's Office. Program requires an application fee of \$60. These costs are subject to change each year with the approval of University of the Pacific Board of Regents. View estimated cost of attendance [here](#). Please note that all fees are subject to change.

MS Coursework Requirements

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- NUTR 202 Scientific Inquiry in Nutrition and Dietetics
- NUTR 204A Advanced Macronutrient Metabolism
- NUTR 204B Advanced Micronutrient Metabolism
- NUTR 224 Leadership in Nutrition and Dietetics
- NUTR 225 Advanced Topics in Medical Nutrition Therapy
- NUTR 226 Nutrigenetics and Nutrigenomics
- NUTR 227 Contemporary Topics in Nutrition and Dietetics
- NUTR 228 Gut Microbiome and Gastrointestinal Nutrition
- NUTR 231A Nutrition Scholarly Project I
- NUTR 231B Nutrition Scholarly Project II

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