

Emphasis - Coordinated Program

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MS in Food and Nutrition Services Description

The Master of Science in food and nutrition services degree prepares students for doctoral studies in nutrition, food service management, or hospitality management for postsecondary teaching positions, or for careers in established or emerging clinical or industrial settings. The program is designed to provide students with a broad background in nutrition, food service management, or hospitality management; development of necessary analytical skills; and exposure to current nutrition, food service management, and hospitality management research.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30

Goals/Mission Statement

The mission of the M.S. in food and nutrition services is to prepare students for entry into nutrition-related or hospitality management-related fields of study and/or their industries with excellence and integrity.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will be able to demonstrate how to interpret, evaluate, and use professional literature to make ethical, evidence-based practice decisions.
2. Students will be able to demonstrate effective and professional oral and written communication and documentation when communicating with individuals, professional groups, and the public.
3. Students will be able to incorporate professional knowledge with effective management and education techniques to facilitate food, nutrition, and hospitality related behavior change.
4. Students will be able to use a decision making process to identify nutrition- or hospitality-related problems, and to determine and evaluate appropriate interventions.
5. Students will be able to apply knowledge of nutrition or hospitality management to enhance the well being of individuals and groups.
6. Students will be able to apply management and business theories and principles to the development, marketing, and delivery of nutrition or hospitality programs or services.

Course Requirements

Core Curriculum (6 hours)

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| NHM 525 Research I Principles of Research | 3 |
| NHM 526 Statistics I in NHM | 3 |

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The Coordinated Program (CP) track requires 36 hours for the nonthesis completion option and 39 hours for the thesis completion option.

Course Requirements

Requirements for the M.S.F.N.S. degree for the CP track are 6 hours of research core requirements; 12 hours of CP core requirements; 7 hours of supervised practice support courses/preparation; at least 8 hours of supervised practice; and 3 hours of electives. Students may choose to take an additional 6 hours of thesis.

Research Core (6 hours)

- NHM 525. Research I – Principles of Research (3 hours)
- NHM 526. Statistics I in NHM (3 hours)

CP Core (12 hours)

- NHM 531. Community Nutrition: Theory and App. (3 hours)
- NHM 532. Nutrition Ed and Counseling: Theory and App. (3 hours)
- NHM 533. Foodservice Management: Theory and App. (3 hours)
- NHM 534. Medical Nutrition Therapy: Theory and App. (3 hours)

CP Support Courses (6 hours)

May be waived for students with DPD Verification Statements OR based on the Assessment for Prior Learning Policy

- NHM 511. Advanced Nutrition (3 hours)
- NHM 522. Nutrition Policy (3 hours)

Supervised Practice Preparation (1 hour)

- NHM 599. Introduction to Dietetics Practice (1 hour)

Supervised Practice (at least 8 hours)

- NHM 699. Supervised Practice (1-9 hours)
- Can be repeated to equal total required hours

Electives (3 hours)

~~Additional 3 hours of graduate courses that are not directed research, practicum, core, or thesis. Committee approval required.~~

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- See department for full list of available electives

Thesis (6 hours)

For thesis option: 6 hours of thesis are required.

- NHM 697. Thesis (1-6 hours) - Can be repeated to equal total required hours

