

Prerequisite Completion Form Clinical Dietetics M.S.

2025-26
Application Year

Student: _____ College: _____ Date: _____

Major: _____ B.S. degree: ☐ In-Process ☐ Completed/Date: _____

Students **who do not have** an undergraduate degree from an ACEND[®] accredited DPD need to complete the prerequisite courses.

Program Prerequisites Course marked * require B- (2.7) grade or better. Recommend "C" or better in remaining prerequisites. Courses in (parentheses) are GV prerequisites.		School	Equivalent Course Subject/Course #	Grade	Anticipated completion
BIO 120	General Biology				
STA 215 (MTH 110)	Intro. Applied Statistics				
BMS 250 (BIO 120)	Anatomy & Physiology I				
BMS 251 (BMS 250)	Anatomy & Physiology II				
CHM 109 or CHM 115 & 116	General Chemistry				
CHM 231 or CHM 241 & 242 (CHM 109 or CHM 116)	Organic Chemistry				
CHM 234 grade of B- or better. (CHM 109 or both CHM 125 and CHM 126, or equivalent)	Introductory Biochemistry				
BMS 212 & 213 (BIO 120 & CHM 230 or 232 or 241)	Microbiology with Lab				
BMS 105	Basic Nutrition				
*BMS 305 (BMS 290 or 251 & CHM 234 or 461) or *BMS 306 (BMS 290 or MOV 304 & CHM 234 or 461) or *AFN 400 at GVSU grade of B- or better	Clinical Nutrition or Advanced Nutrition or Medical Nutrition Therapy I				
BMS 304 (offered winter only) (BMS 105 and Junior Standing)	Community Nutrition				
BMS 407 (offered fall only) (BMS 105 or 305 or 306 & BMS 290/391 or 251)	Nutrition in the Life Cycle				
HTM 250 (override request for HTM 213) or ServSafe Manager Certification	Food Production & Kitchen Management				

Students **who have** an undergraduate degree from a didactic program in dietetics (DPD) accredited by The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND[®]) do not need to complete the prerequisite courses.

College of Health Professions ~ Clinical Dietetics Coordinated Graduate Program

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Visit our website at: www.gvsu.edu/clinicaldiet

The Clinical Dietetics M.S. program is a 52-55 credit coordinated five-semester graduate program designed for those who need supervised practice. Classes are taught using the hybrid on-line model with some in-seat classes and laboratory experiences. Upon successful completion, this program provides eligibility to sit for the registration exam leading to the registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN) credential.

Application deadline: January 15th (late applications accepted until all seats are filled)

University Requirements

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education
2. Submission of all required admission materials, including:
 - Completed GVSU [graduate application](#) for admission
 - \$30 nonrefundable application fee unless you have previously applied to GVSU.
 - Official copies of transcripts from **all** institutions of higher education previously attended. Transcripts must be sent from those institutions directly to the GVSU Admissions Office. **NOTE: Official transcripts from GVSU are not required**
 - Prerequisite Completion Form **or**
 - Undergraduate degree from a didactic program in dietetics (DPD) accredited by The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND ®)

Program Requirements - In addition to the "University Requirements" all students seeking admission must also meet the following program requirements:

1. **Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average** from all undergraduate coursework
2. **Personal statement** of career goals and food/nutrition experiences, including an explanation of how this program will help achieve educational and professional objectives.
3. **Two recommendations:** Two academic or professional recommendations. Applicants will provide email addresses of two references when applying (www.gvsu.edu/gradapply). Recommenders will receive an electronic form to complete and return via email.
4. **Resume**
5. Successful completion of all prerequisite courses or verification statement from an ACEND accredited undergraduate program
6. **Grade of a B- (2.7) or better:** Clinical Nutrition, Advanced Nutrition, Medical Nutrition Therapy I and Biochemistry

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