

# DIETETICS, M.S.

## Program Description

The mission of the Master of Science degree program is to prepare graduates to practice in entry-level professional positions in the fields of clinical nutrition, community nutrition, and/or food and nutrition management. The program offers a unique opportunity to dietetics professionals in southern West Virginia. It is open to persons who have completed a bachelor's degree in dietetics at an accredited institution or are currently a Registered Dietitian.

## Admission Requirements

Prospective students who wish to apply for admission to the master's degree program must meet the admission requirements, described in detail at [www.marshall.edu/dietetics](http://www.marshall.edu/dietetics) (<http://www.marshall.edu/dietetics/>). Admission is competitive.

The following standards are used to make admission decisions:

- Completion of a Didactic Program in Dietetics. Admitted students are required to provide a Verification Statement and transcript with final degree confirmation prior to beginning program.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on 4.0 scale) is preferred.
- A personal statement of 1000 words or less
- Documented volunteer or paid work experience in foodservice and/or nutrition care is preferred.
- Three letters of recommendation
- Completion of an online personal interview

For further information about any of these items, including personal statement guidelines and interview instructions, please consult the admission section of the website at [www.marshall.edu/dietetics](http://www.marshall.edu/dietetics).

Application to Marshall University's Master of Science degree is completed through a centralized application system known as DICAS. Applicants will apply online using the DICAS application. To learn more about the DICAS application process visit <https://dicas.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>. If a student is admitted, he or she will receive further instructions from the program director regarding formal application to the graduate program through Marshall University Graduate Admissions.

In addition to DICAS, computer matching through D & D Digital is a mandatory component of the application process. To participate in matching, applicants must complete the online registration and select priority choices by the set deadline. More information can be found by visiting <http://www.dnddigital.com>. Please note: Marshall University has two programs. Be careful when selecting the code to ensure you are prioritizing correctly. Codes are as follows:

Onsite/Huntington-based Track: 489

Distance Track: 783

Students pursuing the distance track should consult the distance program admission information on the website, [www.marshall.edu/dietetics](http://www.marshall.edu/dietetics), for additional requirements related to rotation schedules, preceptors, and information on state eligibility for distance education through Marshall University.

Any other prospective students must currently hold the status of Registered Dietitian through the Commission on Dietetic Registration or a Verification Statement from an accredited DPD program. Admission of Registered Dietitians will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the department. Those holding Verification Statements can be conditionally admitted for one semester. Full admission will be contingent on acceptance. Both types of potential students should follow the admissions process described in this catalog or at the Graduate Admissions website at [www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission](http://www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission) (<http://www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission/>).

For more information on international student requirements, visit <http://www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/international-admission/>.

## Program Requirements

The degree consists of a total of 36 graduate credit hours. Thirty-three hours consist of required coursework (11 courses) and 3 hours consist of elective credits, which must be approved by the advisor. Required courses are as follows:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
DTS 508	Nutrition Cardiac Disease	3
DTS 670	Adv Med Nutrition Therapy I	3
DTS 671	Sports Nutrition	3
DTS 672	Diabetes & Nutrition Mngt	3
DTS 673	Administrative Dietetics	3
DTS 674	Food Allergies & Intoler	3
DTS 675	Dietetic Internship I	3
DTS 676	Dietetic Internship II	3
DTS 677	Dietetic Internship III	3
DTS 679	Adv Med Nutrition Therapy II	3
DTS 690	Sem DTS Research Comm	3

- All students will be required to sit for a written and oral comprehensive examination in their final semester and must pass in order to graduate. The exam will be administered by a graduate committee consisting of three graduate faculty members.
- In addition to the requirements listed in Marshall University's standards for good standing, a student pursuing a degree in Dietetics will maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher and receive a score of satisfactory or better on all preceptor evaluations, when applicable.

Students who successfully complete the program will receive a verification statement and be eligible to sit for the registration examination for Registered Dietitian Nutritionists.

## Plan of Study

The student will develop a Plan of Study or blueprint for graduation requirements, which must be approved by the student's advisor. The Plan of Study must be on file in the Graduate Studies office before the student registers for the 12th semester hour. A typical plan will consist of the following:

**First Year**

<b>Fall</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>
DTS 670	Adv Med Nutrition Therapy I	3
DTS 672	Diabetes & Nutrition Mngt	3
DTS 675	Dietetic Internship I	3
DTS 690	Sem DTS Research Comm	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
DTS 671	Sports Nutrition	3
DTS 673	Administrative Dietetics	3
DTS 676	Dietetic Internship II	3
DTS 679	Adv Med Nutrition Therapy II	3
Approved elective		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Summer</b>		
DTS 508	Nutrition Cardiac Disease	3
DTS 674	Food Allergies & Intoler	3
DTS 677	Dietetic Internship III	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>