



### PROGRAMS OFFERED

- ♦ M.S.

#### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Loma Linda University, School of Allied Health Professions offers several programs that lead to Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) exam eligibility:

- The BS + MS program includes one year of graduate study after the completion of undergraduate courses. Graduates are eligible to sit for the RDN exam after completion of the graduate courses. NOTE: The bachelor's and Master's degrees will be awarded at the completion of the three-year program.
- The MS (for bachelor graduates in non-nutrition areas/ international students) is a program for persons with a prior bachelor's degree. Students who have completed a bachelor's degree in a nutrition-related field at a non-ACEND accredited program must apply for this degree route. Graduates are eligible to sit for the RDN exam after completion of the MS degree.
- The MS (post-Didactic Program in Dietetics) is for persons who have completed an ACEND-accredited DPD program. Graduates are eligible to sit for the RDN exam after completion of the MS degree.

Prerequisites for these programs are listed on the back of this page.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

Numerous opportunities are available for the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist. Dietitians in Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) assess patient's nutritional needs, develop personalized nutrition treatment programs, and evaluate and report results. Dietitians also work in public health clinics, home health agencies, major supermarkets, and food service facilities. Some dietitians oversee large-scale food production and service facilities in health care, college and university cafeterias, correctional facilities, and school food service.

Dietitians work under contract with extended health-care facilities or in their own private practice. Others work for wellness programs, sports teams, or other nutrition-related businesses. Some dietitians engage in research activities to enhance the profession. Increased interest in nutrition has led to opportunities in food manufacturing, advertising, and marketing, among others.

#### **EARNINGS**

Annual income at the entry-level varies by practice area. According to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 2017 Compensation & Benefits Survey of the Dietetics Profession, Registered Dietitians in medical nutrition therapy may expect to earn \$65,000; in Food and Nutrition Management, \$78,000; in Education and Research, \$80,000; in Consultation and Business; \$68,000; in Community Nutrition, \$56,000.

#### **ACCREDITATION**

The coordinated program in dietetics is currently granted continuing accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, IL 60606-6995; telephone, 800/877-1600, ext. 5400; email, [ACEND@eatright.org](mailto:ACEND@eatright.org); website: <http://www.eatrightpro.org/acend>.

#### **COST OF ATTENDANCE**

Please review LLU's Find a Program Website pages below for the most up-to-date information on the cost of attendance.

1. [Nutrition & Dietetics, Coordinated Program \(BS & MS\)](#)
2. [Nutrition & Dietetics, Coordinated Program \(Post Didactic Program in Dietetics\), MS](#)
3. [Nutrition & Dietetics, Coordinated Program \(Prior BS/BA degree in a non-nutrition major or non-ACEND accredited nutrition major\), MS](#)
4. [Nutrition & Dietetics, MS \(Post-RD\)](#)

The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics offers three options to complete a Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics.

### **Bachelor of Science plus Master of Science (BS+MS)**

Entry occurs at the beginning of the third or junior year of college. To be eligible for admission, the applicant must have completed a minimum of 96 quarter/64 semester units at any accredited community college, college or university, and earned a minimum of 3.0 GPA in both science and non-science prerequisite courses. The minimum requirements are:

#### **ARTS & HUMANITIES** (16 quarter units/ 11 semester units)

##### **Select from at least three (3) subject areas**

Art/ Music Appreciation	Literature
Civilization/History	Literature
Philosophy	Religion
Foreign Language	American Sign Language

#### **NATURAL SCIENCES**

College Algebra, Pre-Calculus, or Calculus  
General Chemistry with Lab (one full year)  
Human Anatomy with Lab & Human Physiology with Lab  
Microbiology with Lab

#### **SOCIAL SCIENCES**

A Psychology course, a Sociology course, a Social Science elective (Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, or an additional Psychology or Sociology course)

#### **COMMUNICATION**

English Composition (complete sequence)  
Speech / Public Speaking

#### **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

Physical Education Activity (two courses) or military discharge papers (DD214)  
Human Nutrition

**REQUIRED:** Certificate of Completion or grade for a Medical Terminology course.

**ELECTIVES:** As needed to meet the minimum number of required units

#### **Master of Science**

Several options are offered.

**1) MS (with prior BS/BA degree in non-nutrition areas/international students)** - for persons with a bachelor's degree in a field other than nutrition. Students who have completed a bachelor's degree in a nutrition-related field at a non-ACEND accredited program must also apply for this degree route. The first year of the three-year MS is taught at the foundational (undergraduate) level. The second and third years are taught at the graduate level.

##### **Prerequisites:**

Bachelor's degree  
College Algebra, Pre-Calculus, or Calculus  
General Chemistry with Lab (one full year)  
Human Anatomy with Lab & Human Physiology with Lab  
Microbiology with Lab  
Human Nutrition  
Certificate of Completion or grade for a Medical Terminology course.

**2) MS (post-Didactic Program in Dietetics)** - for persons who have completed an ACEND-accredited DPD program. Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics may be completed in two years.

##### **Prerequisites:**

Bachelor's degree  
Verification Statement from ACEND-accredited DPD program  
College Algebra, Pre-Calculus, or Calculus  
General Chemistry with Lab (one full year)  
Human Anatomy with Lab & Human Physiology with Lab  
Microbiology with Lab  
Human Nutrition  
Certificate of Completion of a Medical Terminology course

#### **How to apply**

We recommend that you apply soon after November 30. The deadline to submit applications is April 30. The application process is completed online at [www.llu.edu](http://www.llu.edu). University catalogs may be viewed on our website. The outline of your plan for prerequisite completion must be indicated on the application. Prerequisite course work must be completed at any accredited community college, college, or university.

#### **For international students**

TOEFL or IELTS (or equivalent English language proficiency examination) scores for applicants whose native language is not English or whose secondary education was received outside the United States (refer to: <https://alliedhealth.llu.edu/admissions/international-students>)

#### **Financial Aid**

Apply early for financial assistance even before receiving your acceptance into the program. LLU's Student Financial Aid office will help you obtain the necessary applications and guide you through the process of applying for aid. Contact them at: Office of Financial Aid, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA 92350, telephone: (909) 558-4509, or email [finaid@llu.edu](mailto:finaid@llu.edu).

#### **Housing**

Information regarding on-campus housing can be found at: <https://home.llu.edu/campus-and-spiritual-life/housing-dining>.

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## **LLU at a Glance**

>> Founded in 1905 >> A Seventh-day Adventist institution integrating health, science, and Christian faith >> Offers over 200 programs in the health sciences >> Houses eight schools: Allied Health Professions, Behavioral Health, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health, and Religion >> About 4,000 students >> Over 1,300 faculty >> 2,000 professional researchers >> \$46 million dollars in private and public grants generated each year >> Many service-learning opportunities

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