



## 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 the BS degree. Upon completion of the MS degree, students are eligible to sit for the RDN exam.
- The MS (for bachelor graduates in non-nutrition areas/international students) is a program for persons with an bachelor's degree in a field other than nutrition. Students who have completed a earned bachelor degree in a nutrition-related field at a non-ACEND accredited program must apply for this degree route. Upon completion of the MS degree, students are eligible to sit for the RDN exam.
- The MS (post-Didactic Program in Dietetics) is for persons who have completed an ACEND-accredited DPD program. Upon completion of the MS degree, students are eligible to sit for the RDN exam.

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. Community Dietitians work in public health clinics, home health agencies, and major supermarkets, and food service facilities. Management Dietitians oversee large-scale food production and service facilities in health care, college and university cafeterias, prisons, and school food service. Consultant 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.

### **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; website: <http://www.eatrightpro.org/acend>.

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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 regionally 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:

#### HUMANITIES (20 quarter/14 semester units)

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

Art / Music (performing arts limited to 2 sem/4 qtr units)  
Art / Music Appreciation  
Literature           Philosophy  
History               Foreign language/American Sign Language

#### RELIGION (if previously enrolled in an SDA college)

4 quarter/2 semester units per year are required  
Maximum 8 quarter/6 semester hours may be applied

#### NATURAL SCIENCES

General Chemistry with lab (one full year)  
Microbiology with lab  
Human Anatomy & Physiology with lab (complete sequence)  
College algebra (or higher, i.e., Pre-Calculus, Calculus)

#### SOCIAL SCIENCES

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

#### COMMUNICATION

Freshman Composition (complete sequence)  
Speech

#### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Physical Education Activity (two courses)  
Human Nutrition

**REQUIRED:** Certification of Completion of a Medical Terminology Course

**ELECTIVES** (to meet the minimum number of required units)

### Master of Science

Several options are offered.

2) **MS (with prior BS/BA degree in non-nutrition areas/international students)** is for persons with an earned bachelor's degree in a field other than nutrition. Students who have completed an earned 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  
Graduate Record Exam (GRE)  
General Chemistry with lab (one full year)  
Microbiology with lab  
Human Anatomy & Physiology with lab (complete sequence)  
College Algebra (or higher – i.e., Pre-Calculus, Calculus)  
Human Nutrition  
Certification of Completion of a Medical Terminology Course

3) **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.

### 3) MS (post Didactic Program in Dietetics) Prerequisites, continued

#### Prerequisites:

Bachelor's degree  
Verification Statement from ACEND-accredited DPD program  
Graduate Record Exam (GRE)  
General Chemistry with lab (one full year)  
Microbiology with lab  
Human Anatomy & Physiology with lab (complete sequence)  
College Algebra (or higher – i.e., Pre-Calculus, Calculus)

### How to apply

We recommend that you apply soon after November 30. The deadline to submit applications is July 31. 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 regionally 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. You should begin your financial aid process by October 1. Applications for Cal Grants (California residents only) must be postmarked no later than March 2. 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.

### Housing

On-campus housing is available for men and women. For information on the men's dormitory (Daniell's Residence), call (909) 558-4562. For information on the women's dormitory (Lindsay Hall), call (909) 558-4561 or 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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