



PROGRAMS OFFERED

◆ M.S.

The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics offers the following tracks that lead to a Master of Science degree. Graduates are eligible to take their registration exam after completion of their program track requirements.

- The BS+MS track includes five (5) quarters of graduate coursework after the completion of undergraduate courses. NOTE: The bachelor's and Master's degrees will be awarded after completion of the three-year program.
- The MS (prior BS/BA or International students) track is for persons with a prior bachelor's degree. Applicants with a nutrition-related degree not accredited by ACEND must apply for this track.
- The MS (post-DPD) track is for persons who have completed an ACEND-accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics.

Prerequisites for these programs are listed on the second page of this document

EMPLOYMENT

Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs) work in a variety of settings such as hospitals/healthcare facilities, private practice, community and public health settings, sports nutrition, corporate wellness programs, food industry, academic institutions, and research and development.

COMPENSATION

RDN compensation varies by practice area according to data from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 2021 Compensation and Benefits Survey of the Dietetics Profession.

The following amounts are based on the 75th percentile of reported earnings.

- Entry-level (<1 year) - \$82,000
- Acute Care/Inpatient - \$73,000
- Outpatient Care - \$79,000
- Food & Nutrition Management - \$110,000
- Community/Corporate Wellness - \$91,000
- Education (Assistant Professor) - \$100,000
- Research - \$77,000

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](http://www.eatrightpro.org/acend).

COST OF ATTENDANCE

Please review LLU's Find a Program Website links 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 \(Post-RD\)](#)

1) Bachelor of Science plus Master of Science (BS+MS) Track

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 or 11 semester units)

Select from at least three (3) subject areas

Art or Music Appreciation

Civilization/History

Literature

Philosophy

Religion

Language

General Humanities Electives

NATURAL SCIENCES

College Algebra, or 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)

WRITTEN & ORAL COMMUNICATION

English Composition (complete sequence)

Speech or Public Speaking

HEALTH & WELLNESS

2 PE Activity 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

2) MS (with prior BS/BA degree in non-nutrition areas/international students) Track

Prerequisites:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university

College Algebra, or Pre-Calculus, or Calculus

General Chemistry with Lab (one full year)

Human Anatomy with Lab & Human Physiology with Lab

Microbiology with Lab

Human Nutrition

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

3) MS (post-Didactic Program in Dietetics) Track

Prerequisites:

Bachelor's degree from ACEND-accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics

DPD Verification Statement

College Algebra, or Pre-Calculus, or Calculus

General Chemistry with Lab (one full year)

Human Anatomy with Lab & Human Physiology with Lab

Microbiology with Lab

How to apply

We recommend that you apply soon after September 1. The deadline to submit applications is January 31. The application process is completed

online at 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 an accredited community college, college, or university.

For international students

TOEFL or IELTS (or equivalent English language proficiency examination) scores are required 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.

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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