



PROGRAMS OFFERED

- ◆ B.S. ◆ 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 program follows two years of prerequisites at a community college, four-year college or university. The third and fourth years are completed at LLU. Upon completion of the BS degree, students may sit for the RDN exam.
- The BS + MS program includes one year of graduate study after the completion of the BS program. Upon completion of the BS degree, students may sit for the RDN exam.
- The MS (for bachelor graduates in non-nutrition areas/international students) is a program for persons with an earned bachelor's degree in a field other than nutrition. In addition, students who have completed a bachelor degree in a nutrition-related field at a non-ACEND accredited program must apply for this degree route. Upon completion of this degree, students may sit for the RDN exam.
- The MS (post-Didactic Program in Dietetics) is for person who have completed an ACEND-accredited DPD program. Upon completion of the BS degree, students may sit for the RDN exam. Upon completion of this degree, students may 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. Management Dietitians manage 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. Popular 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 2015 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; \$77,000; in Community Nutrition, \$56,000.

ACCREDITATION

The Coordinated program in Nutrition and Dietetics is currently granted accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), 120 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606. Telephone: (312) 899-0040.

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The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics offers two degree choices:

- (1) Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics
- (2) Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics.

Bachelor of Science

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.

- 1) **BS+MS** - Persons may enter this program for the junior year, complete the BS portion (two years) and immediately enter the MS portion (one year). Prerequisites are the same as the BS program listed above.
- 2) **MS (with BS/BA degree in non-nutrition area)** 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

- 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. 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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LOMA LINDA
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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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