

## **Department of Dietetics & Nutrition**

### **Nutrition Science Track Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree Pathway**

#### **What is a Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree Pathway**

The combined degree pathway is designed to accelerate a seamless path from the undergraduate program in nutrition science to a graduate degree in Dietetics and Nutrition. Highly qualified undergraduate students in the nutrition science track will have the opportunity to complete their MS degree in as little as one year from the completion of his/her BS degree.

#### **Overview of Nutrition Science Track Combined Pathway**

The combined BS/MS program pathway is designed for outstanding students in the nutrition science track. Students will be given an intense, rigorous learning experience in dietetics, food and nutrition. It provides a strong base of knowledge and skills in nutrition science, and at the same time accelerates completion of the MS degree in Dietetics & Nutrition.

*The successful completion of this pathway does **not** award the student a Verification statement confirming eligibility for an accredited Dietetic Internship. Verification statements are only awarded to students in the Didactic track.*

#### **Coursework**

In addition to the program requirements of the undergraduate nutrition science track, students will be expected to complete the following 10 credits of graduate courses during their senior year.

1. Statistics Requirement (3 credits): STA 6166 Statistical Methods in Research **OR** PHC 6052 Biostatistics I **OR** STA 6176 Biostatistics
2. Public Health Requirement (3 credits): PHC 6500 Foundations of Public Health Practice
3. Community Nutrition (3 credits): HUN 6522 Public Health Nutrition
4. Seminar in Dietetics (1 credit): DIE 6937 Graduate Seminar in Dietetics & Nutrition

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- **Enrollment in the nutrition science track** of the undergraduate dietetics & nutrition major
- Completion of at least **75 credits** in the dietetics & nutrition bachelor's degree program and **15 credits in dietetics and nutrition coursework**.
- Minimum **overall GPA of 3.5**
- **Two Evaluation forms** (preferably filled out by FIU Faculty). Those can be found here: <https://admissions.fiu.edu/how-to-apply/accelerated-pathway-applicant/index.html> under "Letters of Recommendation".
- **Statement of purpose** (1 page double spaced) discussing interests in and benefits of the accelerated BS/MS program. Concepts to include but not limited to are why BS/MS degree path was chosen, what interests you about the program, and how this program will advance your career.

- **Meet admission requirements for FIU graduate school and master's program in the Department of Dietetics & Nutrition**

### **Ready to Apply?**

1. Meet with your Academic Advisor to discuss program and verify eligibility.
2. Schedule an appointment with the Graduate Program Director to discuss program requirements, curriculum, and program expectations.
3. Gather and prepare required materials: two evaluation forms and statement of purpose. The Evaluation Forms can be found here: <https://admissions.fiu.edu/how-to-apply/accelerated-pathway-applicant/index.html> under "Letter of Recommendation"
4. Complete the application for admission, which you can find in the Admissions tile of your my.fiu.edu student account.

**Once accepted into the graduate program, students must be advised by the departmental Graduate Program Director before enrolling in 6000-level graduate courses.**

**Apply by: November 30 for a Fall entry.**

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