

MAJOR TO CAREER GUIDE

Nutrition Sciences

Division of Health Sciences

Mission of the Division of Health Sciences

UNLV's Division of Health Sciences — along with other health science-related programs in the Nevada System of Higher Education — is addressing today's pressing needs and making tomorrow's discoveries.

The division is comprised of the schools of Dental Medicine, Nursing, Community Health Sciences and Allied Health Sciences. Guided by a mission that demands UNLV serves its community, the division is using research, education, training, and service to form unique public and private partnerships. These partnerships are helping provide quality health care to the underserved, educating future professionals, and exploring ways to improve the health and well-being of our citizens. Taken together, UNLV is helping build a foundation for a healthier and more vibrant Nevada.

Visit this site for more information:

<http://www.unlv.edu/healthsciences>

About Nutrition Sciences

The Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Sciences degree is designed to prepare students with an interest in human nutrition to enter the health care field as a Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist. Programs within Nutrition Sciences are student-focused with contact hours provided through lecture-based courses, laboratory courses, and field experiences with practitioners. Summer and part-time work or volunteer experiences in the profession are encouraged.

UNLV Academic Advising for Nutrition Majors:

Academic Advisors who are eager to meet with students about their academic goals and to assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field.

Division of Health Sciences Advising Center

Phone: 702-895-5448

Campus Location: CEB 399A

<http://alliedhealth.unlv.edu/advising.htm>

Nutrition Sciences Career Options

Nutrition Sciences graduates are prepared to work in clinical dietetics. Some may also enjoy helping professional or recreational athletes in sports ranging from sprinting to stock car racing. Others may find employment in health clubs, spas, or neighborhood gyms. Others may work in food service for corporations, schools, airlines and the military. Those with inquiring minds may prefer the laboratory, conducting experiments for quality assurance departments, new products offices or drug companies to delineate metabolic pathways.

Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Sciences Concentrations

Dietetics: This general program will allow students to meet all Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics (DPND) requirements.

Sports Nutrition: This concentration allows the students to take specialized courses in sports nutrition and kinesiology. Students in this concentration will meet DPND requirements.

Pre-professional: this concentration provides a well-rounded science background for those students interested in applying for graduate or professional schools. Students completing this concentration *do not* meet the DPND requirements.

Post-Baccalaureate Dietetic Internship in Nutrition Sciences

Upon successful completion of the UNLV DI, graduates will be eligible to take the Registration Examination for Dietitians. Upon passing the exam, the candidate would earn the credential Registered Dietitian and would be eligible for employment in those positions.

<http://www.unlv.edu/degree/bs-nutrition-sciences>

Professional Associations

Students are encourage to get involved with these organizations early on!

- The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)
- Academy Nutrition and Dietetics (AND)
- Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics (DPND)
- Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist (RDN)

Helpful Career Information

Employers rate candidate soft skills/qualities in order of importance

- 1 Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- 2 Ability to work in a team structure
- 3 Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- 4 Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- 5 Ability to obtain and process information
- 6 Ability to analyze quantitative data
- 7 Technical knowledge related to the job
- 8 Proficiency with computer software programs
- 9 Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- 10 Ability to sell or influence others

Source: Job Outlook 2013

Courtesy of the National Association of Colleges and Employers

Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

The OCH covers hundreds of occupations and describes: What They Do, Work Environment, How to Become One, Pay, and more. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2010–20 decade.

Career Exploration/Planning

FOCUS 2: UNLV's computerized assessment that profiles your interests, abilities, and values and helps you find a career that's right for you.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessment.html>

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI): Assessment designed to identify how you are energized, how you take in information, how you make decisions, and how you approach life.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentMBTI.html>

Strong Interest Inventory: Generates an in-depth assessment of your interests among a broad range of occupations, work and leisure activities, and educational subjects.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentStrong.html>

UNLV Career Services

Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

- Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
- Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
- Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495

Campus Location: SSC-A 2nd Floor

<http://hire.unlv.edu/>

Internship Opportunities

UNLV **Hire a Rebel** is a free, online recruiting system that helps students, alumni, and employers connect in a variety of ways.

Students can use **Hire a Rebel** to search for: job and internship listings, on-campus recruiting interviews, employer information sessions, resume book database, & dates for career fairs.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerLink.html>

MEDIAN SALARIES BY DISCIPLINE 2010-2012

Career	Salary Range	Median Salary
Registered Dietitians & Nutritionist	\$33,330 - \$75,480	\$53,250
Health Educators		\$45,830
Professor Teaching Nutrition (Doctoral degree required)	\$30,720-\$130,510	\$62,050

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition*, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

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