

Graduation and Program Completion Requirements

Dietetic Internship Supervised Practice Program Only

Policy for Issuing an ACEND Verification Statement- (Students completing all program requirements before December 31, 2023)

Upon completion of the ACEND-accredited UNLV Dietetic Internship Supervised Practice Program, graduates receive a Verification Statement of program completion which is required for eligibility to take the Commission on Dietetic Registration's (CDR) [dietetic registration exam](#). The exam must be passed to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) which also fulfills requirements in the [State of Nevada to become a Licensed Dietitian](#).

If the program completion requirements are met, the DI Director will issue the final Verification Statement and will follow the procedures established by CDR for submitting and verifying eligibility for the dietetic registration exam. Successful program completion includes:

- 1) Completing the minimum required supervised practice contact hours and earning at least a satisfactory rating on all competencies and student learning outcomes. The DI supervised practice is 1040 hours minimum or 26 weeks in length. Specialty concentrations, when offered, require an extra 120 hours of supervised practice. Students must complete the program within 150% of the expected timeframe, unless part-time arrangements are made prior to admission.
- 2) Completing an adequate learning portfolio, documenting meeting competency. Template is provided by the program.
- 3) Completion of the CDR demographic information.
- 4) Master's degree earned and approved prior to UNLV program admission.

M.S. Nutrition Sciences degree- Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics Subplan (MS-DI)

Subplan 1 Requirements: Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics (34 total credits required)

- Course Requirements
 - Research Methods (6 credits)
 - Must complete the following courses or other advisor-approved methods courses.
 - KIN 750 Research Methods in Kinesiology and Nutrition Sciences Research (3 credits)
 - KIN 751 Selected Application of Statistical Techniques (3 credits)
 - Core (20 Credits)
 - Must complete the following courses (2 credits)

- NUTR 793 Research Practicum in Nutrition and Dietetics Supervised Practice (1 credit)
- NUTR 794 Preparation for Nutrition and Dietetics Practice (1 credit)
- Must complete the following courses or other advisor approved courses (9 credits)
 - NUTR 705 Advanced Sports Nutrition Seminar (3 credits)
 - NUTR 754 Epidemiology of Nutrition & Physical Activity (3 credits)
 - KIN 745 Human Energy Metabolism (3 credits)
- Must complete 1 of the following courses, or other advisor-approved courses (3 credits)
 - NUTR 607 Complementary and Integrative MNT (3 credits)
 - KIN 754 Health Science Writing and Communication (3 credits)
- Full-time students must complete the following supervised practice courses (6 credits)
 - NUTR 796 Supervised Practice: Community Nutrition and Dietetics (2 credits)
 - NUTR 797 Supervised Practice: Food Service Management (2 credits)
 - NUTR 798 Supervised Practice: Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics (2 credits)
- Part-time students must complete the following supervised practice courses (6 credits)
 - NUTR 799 Individualized Supervised Practice - Food Service, Community, & Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics (1-2 credits per semester)
- Electives (5 credits)
 - Must complete 5 credits from the following list of courses, or other advisor-approved courses
 - KIN 691 Exercise Physiology (3 credits)
 - KIN 740 Advanced Exercise Physiology (3 credits)
 - NUTR 605 Advanced Sports Nutrition (3 credits)
 - NUTR 651 Nutrition and Metabolism (3 credits)
 - NUTR 652 Advanced Nutrition (3 credits)
 - NUTR 700 Special Topics in Nutrition Sciences (1-6 credits)
 - NUTR 720 Lifestyle Modification for Chronic Disease (3 credits)
 - NUTR 727 Advanced Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics (3 credits)

- NUTR 732 Nutrition Assessment (3 credits)
- NUTR 753 Experimental Techniques in Nutrition and Metabolism (3 credits)
- NUTR 791 Independent Study in Nutrition Sciences (1-3 credits)
- NUTR 795 Practicum in Nutrition Sciences (1-3 credits)
- Culminating Experience (3 credits)
 - Must complete 3 credits of culminating experience
 - NUTR 747 - Clinical Professional Paper - Clinical Case Study or Community Intervention Project (3 credits)

Degree Requirements

1. Completion of a minimum of 34 credits with a minimum GPA of 3.00.
2. Culminating experience requires major advisor plus one other graduate faculty member to assess competency. Student is guided by advisor through clinical project. Clinical project is also presented at their clinical site. Project is supervised by advisor.

Graduation Requirements

1. The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College as well as apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing their degree requirements.
1. The student must submit and successfully defend a professional paper and submit a Culminating Experience Results form to the Graduate College by the posted deadline.

Policy for Issuing an ACEND Verification Statement- Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics Subplan of the M.S. Nutrition Sciences (MS-DI Option)

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If the program completion requirements are met, the DI Director will issue the final Verification Statement and will follow the procedures established by CDR for submitting and verifying eligibility for the dietetic registration exam. Successful program completion includes:

- 1) Completing the minimum required supervised practice contact hours and earning at least a satisfactory rating on all competencies and student learning outcomes. The program length is 2.5 years in length. Students must complete the program within 150% of the expected timeframe, unless part-time arrangements are made prior to admission.
- 2) Completing an adequate learning portfolio, documenting meeting competency. Template is provided by the program.
- 3) Completion of the CDR demographic information.
- 4) Master's degree earned during this program (M.S. Nutrition Sciences).

Policy for Issuing an ACEND Verification Statement- Dietetic Internship Program Only
(Students entering with an existing Master's degree)

Upon completion of the ACEND-accredited UNLV Dietetic Internship Program, graduates receive a Verification Statement of program completion which is required for eligibility to take the Commission on Dietetic Registration's (CDR) [dietetic registration exam](#). The exam must be passed to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) which also fulfills requirements in the [State of Nevada to become a Licensed Dietitian](#).

If the program completion requirements are met, the DI Director will issue the final Verification Statement and will follow the procedures established by CDR for submitting and verifying eligibility for the dietetic registration exam. Successful program completion includes:

- 1) Have a DPD Verification Statement and a Master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university, earned and approved prior to UNLV program admission. The college or university must be located in the U.S. or its territories and accredited in good standing by a U.S. institutional accrediting body for higher education recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE). The master's degree must be in nutrition or closely related field and deemed equivalent to the Masters in Science in Nutrition Sciences degree at UNLV. Transcripts and syllabi will be reviewed for equivalency. Students in this track will be enrolled in [NUTR 796: Supervised Practice: Community Nutrition and Dietetics \(2 credits\)](#), [NUTR 797: Supervised Practice: Food Service Management \(2 credits\)](#), [NUTR 798: Supervised Practice: Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics \(2 credits\)](#), and [NUTR 794](#) Preparation for Nutrition & Dietetics Practice (1 credit). Additional coursework may be required, depending on coursework completed in current master's degree. The DI supervised practice is 1040 hours minimum or 26 weeks in length. Specialty concentrations, when offered, require an extra 120 hours of supervised practice. Students must complete the program within 150% of the expected timeframe, unless part-time arrangements are made prior to admission.
- 2) Completing the minimum required supervised practice contact hours and earning at least a satisfactory rating on all competencies and student learning outcomes. The DI supervised practice is 1040 hours minimum or 26 weeks in length. Specialty concentrations, when offered, require an extra 120 hours of supervised practice. Students must complete the program within 150% of the expected timeframe, unless part-time arrangements are made prior to admission.
- 3) Completing an adequate learning portfolio, documenting meeting competency. Template is provided by the program.
- 4) Completion of the CDR demographic information.