



### Auburn University – Morrison MSDI Program

MHC DI has partnered with Auburn University to allow interns to enroll in a fully online, 33-credit-hour, [Master of Science in Nutrition: Online Non-Thesis Option](#). The program allows students to pursue an experience in an environment that matches a regular face-to-face program. Lecture videos and other course material are posted online, assignments can be completed at home and exams can be taken in a proctored environment where the student is located. Students also can interact with other students and faculty through online Discussion boards. The online Master of Nutrition program (Distance education option) is a non-thesis degree that offers advanced training in human nutritional sciences for new and experienced professionals in nutrition. It prepares students at an advanced level and provides graduates with advanced knowledge, expanded skills, lifelong learning, and professional leadership to pursue various career options, including nutrition and health programs, consulting, and business.

#### Admission and Application Requirements:

The curriculum requires 33 credit hours of coursework, which includes 5 credit hours of non-thesis research. Students can select electives emphasizing Nutrition Science, Clinical Nutrition, Sports Nutrition, or Community Nutrition. Refer to the [Auburn University website](#) for full application details.

#### The admission requirements for Auburn University are as follows:

- Submit official transcripts and official graduate record examination (GRE) scores. These should be submitted to the Graduate School, 106 Hargis Hall, Auburn University, AL 56849. USA
- Plan to submit 3 letters of reference
- Submit a copy of your resume and statement of purpose
- Applicants need to have taken the following courses at the undergraduate level:
  - Two semesters of inorganic/general chemistry (with labs)
  - One semester of organic chemistry (lab not required)
  - One semester of general biology (with lab)
  - Two semesters of anatomy and physiology (with labs)
  - One semester of a basic nutrition course, and
  - Ideally but not required, one semester of biochemistry
- Application, required documents, and application fee submitted through the [Auburn University application](#) portal

#### Tentative Plan of Study:

Semester or Term	Summer 1	Fall	Spring	Summer 2
Units	9 units (9 of 33)	10 units (19 of 33)	10 units (29 of 33)	5 units (34 of 33)
MS Courses	NTRI 7050 (2 units)	NTRI 7500 (3 units)	NTRI 7510 (3 units)	NTRI 7980 (5 units)

	NTRI 7850 (1 unit) ERMA 7300 (3 units) *Elective (3 units)	NTRI 7530 (4 units) *Elective (3 units)	NTRI 7520 (4 units) *Elective (3 units)	
<b>MHC DI</b>		Begin MHC DI: September	Complete MHC DI: May	Graduate MS: Aug Receive MHC DI verification statement
<p>*Electives courses are varied and are offered that can be tailored to the interests of the graduate student.</p> <p>* Students who need financial assistance may apply for student loans through the Auburn University Financial Aid office. Students must be enrolled in at least five semester hours to qualify for financial aid. Scholarships are available for on-campus students only.</p>				

### Program Costs:

Total distance learning fee per credit hour is \$533 (Tuition: \$450 per credit hour + Fees: \$83/credit hour) regardless of the student's geographic location. Therefore, the cost of a 3-credit course is \$1,599 or \$17,589 for the entire program. Program requires an application fee of \$60 for domestic students, Graduation fees of \$25 (register for UNIV7AA0 graduating semester), and a clearing Graduation fee \$450, as needed (if you are not registered for any course the semester you wish to graduate). These costs are subject to change each year with the approval of the Auburn University Board of Trustees. View estimated cost of attendance [here](#). Please note that all fees are subject to change.

### MS Coursework Requirements

#### Unit Requirements:

- NTRI 7050 Methods of Research
- NTRI 7500 Minerals
- NTRI 7510 Vitamins
- NTRI 7520 Macronutrients: Integration and Metabolism
- NTRI 7530 Human Nutrient Metabolism
- NTRI 7850 Research Seminar
- NTRI 7980 Non-thesis Research
- ERMA 7300 Design and Analysis

#### Emphasis: Community Nutrition:

- ADED 7600: Nature of Adult Education
- ADED 7640: Workforce Education
- ADED 7620: Concepts, Programs, and Resources in Adult Education
- CTCT 7010: Youth Program Development
- EDLD 8400: Ethics for Leaders

#### Emphasis: Nutrition Science:

- NTRI 7930: Advanced Independent Study
- NTRI 7960: Special Problems
- FSC 6150: Food Laws and Regulations
- CHEN 6800: Biomedical Engineering

**Emphasis: Sports Nutrition:**

- KINE 7400: Advanced Anatomical Principles
- KINE 7410: Advanced Anatomical Principles Lab

**Emphasis: Clinical Nutrition:**

- NTRI 7930: Advanced Independent Study
- NTRI 7960: Special Problems

**Graduate Student Handbook**

[Nutritional Sciences Graduate Handbook \(auburn.edu\)](http://auburn.edu)

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