

## Auburn University – Morrison MSDI Program

MHC DI has partnered with Auburn University to allow interns to enroll in a fully online, 30-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 30 credit hours of coursework, which includes 3 credit hours of non-thesis research. Students concurrently enrolled in the MHC DI program take electives in areas such as advanced nutrition, global nutrition, leadership and management, and health behavior theories. 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:
  - At least one semester 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
Credits	9 credits (9 of 30)	9 credits (18 of 30)	9 credits (2 of 30)	9 credits (30 of 30)

<b>MS Courses</b>	NTRI 7050 (3 credits)  NTRI 7020 (3 credits)  ERMA 7300 (3 credits)  *Elective (3 credits)	NTRI 7520 (3 credits)  NTRI 6040 (3 credits)	NTRI 7540 (3 credits)  NTRI 7030 (3 credits)	NTRI 7040 (3 credits)  NTRI 7980 (3 credits)  *Elective (3 credits)
<b>MHC DI</b>		Begin MHC DI: September	Complete MHC DI: May	Graduate MS: Aug Receive MHC DI verification statement
<p>*Electives must be approved by the student's advisor but can be tailored to meet the interests of the student.</p> <p>*Students who need financial assistance may apply for student loans through the Auburn University Financial Aid office. Be sure to list Auburn University as the school to receive your information. The Auburn University school code is 001009. Students pursuing education in dietetics can apply for scholarships through the <a href="#">Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation</a>.</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 \$15,990 for the entire program (not including program fees). The 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

#### Degree Requirements:

- NTRI 6040 Global Nutrition and Hunger
- NTRI 7020 Advanced Nutrition and Diet Therapy
- NTRI 7030 Leadership and Management in Nutritional Science
- NTRI 7040 Health Behavior Theories in Nutrition
- NTRI 7050 Methods of Research
- NTRI 7520 Macronutrient Metabolism: Integration, Adaptation, and Disease
- NTRI 7540 Micronutrient Metabolism: Deficiency, Toxicity, and Disease
- NTRI 7850 Research Seminar
- NTRI 7980 Non-thesis Research
- ERMA 7300 Design and Analysis
- Elective

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