

Georgia State University – Morrison MSDI Program

MHC DI has partnered with the Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing and Health Professions (The Lewis College) at Georgia State University to allow interns to enroll in a fully online, 36-credit-hour, [Master of Science in Health Sciences concentration in Nutrition](#) program. The program allows students to pursue a combined master's degree and dietetic internship simultaneously for a clinically focused dietetic internship. Students who successfully complete the internship and the graduate program will be awarded the verification statement from MHC for the student to be eligible to sit for the Examination of Registered Dietitians (RD).

Admission and Application Requirements:

Students will complete a total of 36 hours of graduate coursework in a variety of advanced nutrition topics and may choose a thesis or non-thesis capstone option. The non-thesis capstone options include: 1) Master's Project, 2) Coursework, or 3) Comprehensive Examination. Students who select the coursework option can choose specialty courses in gerontology, sports, health and wellness coaching, pediatrics, or health informatics. Refer to the [Georgia State University website](#) for full application details.

Webinar Recording: Master's Program Overview. This short recording features a program overview from our MSDI partner, including admission highlights, curriculum format, and key program details.

Watch here: <https://youtu.be/NCEoNQzY33Y> Refer to webinar slides [here](#).

The admission requirements for The Lewis College are as follows:

- No GRE requirement
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Completion of the following prerequisite courses:
 - Survey or Principles of Chemistry I and II with lab (2 semesters): CHEM 1151K/1152K or CHEM 1211K/1212K or equivalent
 - Microbiology with lab or Organic Chemistry with lab (1 semester): BIOL 2260/2260L or CHEM 2400/2100 or equivalent
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II with lab (2 semesters): BIOL 2251K/BIOL 2252K or BIOL 2107K and BIOL 2108K or equivalent
 - Principles of Nutrition (1 semester): NUTR 2100 or equivalent
 - One course in Anthropology, Psychology or Sociology: ANTH 1102, PSYC 1101, SOCI 1101 or equivalent
 - Coursework in Human Anatomy & Physiology, Nutrition and Chemistry must not be more than 10 years old at the time of admission.
- Application for graduate study at Georgia State University
- Statement of professional goals (two typed pages maximum)

- Two letters of recommendation (one from a professor and one from an employer/supervisor) using the [GSU Nutrition Recommendation Form](#)
- Resume outlining work, volunteer and professional organization experience
- Residency form
- Official transcripts from each college and/or university attended, except from Georgia State University
- International students:
 - [Foreign Student Financial Statement](#) (for international applicants seeking a student visa)
 - Official TOEFL score (for applicants whose native language is not English)
 - [International credential evaluation](#) (for applicants who have completed any education outside the U.S.)

Tentative Plan of Study:

Option 1

Semester	Summer 1	Fall	Spring	Summer 2
Credit Hours	9 (9 of 36)	9 (18 of 36)	9 (27 of 36)	9 (36 of 36)
Courses	CNHP 8010 (3) NUTR 7101* (3) Elective (3)	CNHP 6000 (3) CNHP 8000 (3) NUTR 6104 (3)	NUTR 6102 (3) NUTR 7280 (3) Capstone (3)	NUTR 6101 (3) Elective (3) Capstone (3)
MHC Internship		MHC DI: Begins August	Complete MHC DI: May	Receive MHC DI verification Statement

*Alternative NUTR course may be selected with approval from advisor

Option 2

Semester	Summer 1	Fall 1	Spring	Summer 2	Fall 2
Credit Hours	6 (6 of 36)	6 (12 of 36)	6 (18 of 36)	12 (27 of 36)	9 (36 or 36)
Courses	CNHP 8010 (3) Elective (3)	CNHP 6000 (3) NUTR 6104 (3)	NUTR 6102 (3) NUTR 7280 (3)	NUTR 6101 (3) NUTR 7101*(3) Capstone (3)	CNHP 8000 (3) Elective (3) Capstone (3)
MHC Internship		MHC DI: Begins August	Complete MHC DI: May		Receive MHCDI verification Statement

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Program Costs:

The fully online MS in Health Sciences concentration in Nutrition program is a Residency Neutral Graduate Program. The tuition rate and online learning fee for residency neutral graduate programs is \$450 and \$110, respectively per credit hour (see [FY26 Residency Neutral Fee Chart New Students All TermsV2.pdf](#)). Therefore, the total cost of a 3-credit hour course is \$1,680 or \$20,160 for the entire program. Graduate assistant positions which provide a full tuition waiver plus a \$2,000 stipend or half tuition waiver plus a \$1,000 stipend are available but not guaranteed. Note: Out-of-state students who choose to take an on-campus course will pay the standard out-of-state tuition and fees. The program requires an application fee of \$50 and a graduation application fee of \$50. All costs and fees are subject to change.

MS in Health Sciences Coursework

Health Sciences Core (9)

CNHP 6000 Research Methods for the Health and Human Science Professions (3)

CNHP 8000 Trends Affecting Health Policies, Practices and Laws (3)

CNHP 8010 Leadership and Ethics in Healthcare (3)

Specialization Curriculum (15)

NUTR 6101 Nutrition Research Methods (3)

NUTR 6102 Nutrition Intervention (3)

NUTR 6104 Advanced Normal Nutrition I (3)

NUTR 7280 Nutritional Genomics (3)

NUTR 7101 Nutrition Issues (3)

Electives (3-6)

Chosen in Consultation with Graduate Program Director

Students without a DPD verification statement must also take NUTR 6500
Macronutrients and NUTR 6700 Micronutrients

Capstone (6 minimum)

Thesis Option: Students will take NUTR 7999 Thesis. A minimum of two semesters at three credits each must be completed. Students must be enrolled in thesis credit each semester they continue to work on completion of the requirements for thesis research and must be registered for thesis in the semester of graduation.

Non-Thesis Options:

Master's Project – Students will take NUTR 7990 Master's Project. A minimum of two semesters at three credits each must be completed.

Coursework – Students must take three courses at three credits each. Courses are defined in specialty areas which may include but are not limited to: geriatrics, pediatrics, public health and sports. Students who select the coursework option will be required to take one three credit elective course vs. two.

Comprehensive Examination – Students will take NUTR 7500 Comprehensive Examination for three credits in the semester of graduation. Students who select the comprehensive examination option will be required to take one additional three credit elective course.

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