

The University of Alabama – Morrison MSDI Program

MHC DI has partnered with The University of Alabama to allow interns to enroll in a fully online, 30-credit-hour, [Master of Science in Human Nutrition](#). 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 30 hours of graduate coursework in a variety of advanced, nutrition topics and may choose a concentration from one of the following: 1) Generalist Track (no concentration), 2) Community Concentration, or 3) Clinical Concentration. Required core coursework and elective options will differ by track/concentration.. Refer to the [University of Alabama 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/WSMm6lfvOLM> Refer to the webinar slides [here](#).

The minimum admission requirements for The University of Alabama are as follows:

- No GRE requirement
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA or a minimum 3.0 in your last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework
- Completion of undergraduate DPD program or certain science and nutrition prerequisite courses
- Statement purpose
- Unofficial transcripts
 - Official copies would be required upon acceptance
- 3 letters of recommendation
 - Please let individuals know that you will need these letters in addition to those submitted to DICAS
- Language scores* (non-native English speakers)
- Select the Summer Term
- Choose a concentration; if none is chosen, it will default to the generalist track
- Application, required documents, and application fee submitted through the [University of Alabama application](#) portal

Tentative Plan of Study:

Semester or Term	Summer 1	Fall	Spring	Summer 2
Units	9 units (9 of 30)	6 units (15 of 30)	6 units (21 of 30)	9 units (30 of 30)

MS Courses	NHM 566 (3 units)	NHM 585 (3 units)	NHM 585 (3 units)	NHM 509 (3 units)
	NHM 587 (3 units)	NHM 567 (3 units)	NHM 567 (3 units)	NHM 573 (3 units)
	NHM 572 (3 units)	Or	Or	NHM 597 (3 units)
		NHM 588 (3 units)	NHM 588 (3 units)	
		POPH 522 (3 units)	POPH 522 (3 units)	
MHC DI		Begin MHC DI: September	Complete MHC DI: May	Graduate MS: Aug Receive MHC DI verification statement

Program Costs:

UA waives out-of-state fees for distance learners, bringing UA's tuition to \$480/graduate credit hour = \$14,400 (plus variable college and/or course fees and cost of books)

MS Coursework Requirements

Generalist Track:

Required Units:

- NHM 509 Research Methods in Nutrition
- NHM 572 Metabolism of Energy Nutrients
- NHM 573 Advanced Vitamins and Minerals
- POPH 522 Biostatistics
- Four electives (one course *must* be designated as NHM)

Choose one of the following:

- NHM 530 Advanced Nutrition Counseling
- NHM 555 Maternal and Infant Nutrition
- NHM 567 Nutrition Support for the Critically Ill

Choose of the following:

- NHM 597 Human Nutrition Master's Capstone Course
- NHM 598 Non-Thesis Research
- NHM 599 Thesis Research

Community Concentration:

Required Units:

- NHM 509 Research Methods in Nutrition
- NHM 550 Community Nutrition I
- NHM 551 Community Nutrition II
- NHM 555 Maternal and Infant Nutrition
- NHM 556 Child and Adolescent Nutrition
- NHM 625 Nutritional Epidemiology
- POPH 522 Biostatistics
- One elective

Choose of the following:

- NHM 557 Childhood Obesity
- NHM 558 Nutrition in the Prevention and Treatment of Chronic Disease

Choose of the following:

- NHM 597 Human Nutrition Master's Capstone Course
- NHM 598 Non-Thesis Research
- NHM 599 Thesis Research

Clinical Concentration:

Required Units:

- NHM 509 Research Methods in Nutrition
- NHM 567 Nutrition Support for the Critically Ill
- NHM 568 Nutrition for the Older Adult
- NHM 572 Metabolism of Energy Nutrients
- NHM 573 Advanced Vitamins and Minerals
- POPH 522 Biostatistics
- Two electives

Choose one of the following:

- NHM 558 Nutrition in the Prevention and Treatment of Chronic Disease
- NHM 585 Clinical Nutrition Management

Choose one of the following:

- NHM 597 Human Nutrition Master's Capstone Course
- NHM 598 Non-Thesis Research
- NHM 599 Thesis Research

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