

# Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetic Practice/RDN

Department of Nutritional Sciences  
College of Health Professions

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## Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN):

- are credentialed healthcare professionals
- apply evidence-based information
- contribute to the health and wellness of individuals, groups, and communities



## Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs) focus on:

- The use of nutrients in the human body
- All aspects surrounding the journey, utilization, and joy of eating food
- All types of people across the spectrum of health



RDNs work in a variety of sectors including:

- healthcare
- public health
- commercial industry
- schools and colleges
- government
- private practice
- professional athletics
- and many more



**Program Goal 1:** To develop graduates to be competent, highly qualified entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists who are well prepared to work in interdisciplinary teams and in a variety of practice settings.

**Program Goal 2:** To develop graduates who engage in social justice advocacy and activities that promote social, professional, and/or environmental sustainability.





# Program Overview

This program:

- leads to a Master of Science degree
- yields eligibility to sit for the registration exam for dietitians through the Commission on Dietetic Registration
- includes both didactic coursework and supervised experiential learning (SEL) rotations



# Program Overview



## PROGRAM LENGTH

22 months

*DPD/FB graduates may  
bypass up to 5 courses*

## PROGRAM FORMAT

On site; Full-time

The TJU MS/RDN program is designed to emphasize keystone aspects of dietetic practice:

Social justice advocacy & equity

Interprofessional practice

Sustainability

Diverse and inclusive environments



### Key features of this program:

- Social justice focus
- Jefferson University Hospital facilities
- Health mentors program
- Simulation center
- Center city Philadelphia location





In our program, students will be trained to *look beyond the disease* and see the *whole patient*. They will be required to examine the *disparities* in our health care system and consider how RDNs can help *combat these inequities*.

# Accreditation

The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) released the Future Education Model Accreditation Standards for programs in nutrition and dietetics. These accreditation standards integrate didactic coursework with supervised experiential learning in a competency-based curriculum designed to prepare nutrition and dietetics practitioners for future practice.

Thomas Jefferson University demonstrated its leadership in education by joining the third cohort of programs to be accredited by ACEND under these new standards.

[ACEND@eatright.org](mailto:ACEND@eatright.org)



# Admissions Information

Prerequisite Coursework, Application Requirements,  
Application Deadlines






## PREREQUISITE COURSES

- Anatomy and Physiology I and II
- Biology
- Biochemistry
- Chemistry
- Organic Chemistry
- Microbiology
- College Algebra or higher
- Introduction to Nutrition (B or better)
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Statistics

### Notes:

- All courses must be completed at time of enrollment
  - C or better in all courses (except Nutrition)
  - Labs are preferred for all sciences, but not required
  - All prerequisites should be taken within 10 years of enrollment
  - AP, IB, or CLEP credit may be considered on a case by case basis for prerequisites
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# Degree and GPA Requirements

- **Degree Prerequisite:** Applicants are required to have a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution prior to the start of the program (can be in progress at time of application)
  - Applicants seeking to gain advanced standing must have earned their bachelor's degree from an ACEND-accredited program
- **GPA Requirements:**
  - Preferred minimum Cumulative GPA: 3.0
  - Preferred minimum Prerequisite GPA: 3.0

# How to Apply

- **Online application** via **MyJefferson** and \$50 application fee:  
[my.jefferson.edu/apply](https://my.jefferson.edu/apply)
- **Transcripts:** official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all regionally accredited institutions attended and/or from which credit was earned
- **Personal Statement:** addresses the prompt in the application
- **3 Letters of Recommendation:** preferable from both academic sources (faculty, instructors) and professional sources (supervisors, managers, etc.)
- **Résumé**
- **Prior Learning Portfolio** (as applicable)

# Deadlines

- Final application deadline: **August 1<sup>st</sup>**
- Completed applications reviewed on a rolling basis
- An interview with faculty is required

- Tuition (2021-22) is \$1,170 per credit plus \$1,810 annual fees
  - Program is 54 credits total
- Scholarships available
- Admitted students may apply for financial aid
  - FAFSA code: 013549
  - Contact Financial Aid Office for questions: [financial.aid@jefferson.edu](mailto:financial.aid@jefferson.edu)  
[jefferson.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid.html](https://jefferson.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid.html)

## Office of Admissions

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Phone: 215-951-2800

## Financial Aid

[jefferson.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid.html](http://jefferson.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid.html)

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