

# School of Health Sciences

## Graduate Pathway Plan

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### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL NUTRITION (MSCN)**

#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The program will prepare students with or without academic and career experience in nutrition to work in the expanding scope of dietetics/nutrition practice in a variety of health care settings. Students will participate in interprofessional practice through an evidence-based approach. Graduates will become nutritionists who are prepared to take the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) examination with an appreciation for the biopsychosocial factors that contribute to the health and wellness of clients and communities.

#### **STARTING TERM:**

FALL

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

JANUARY 15 (PRIORITY DEADLINE); JUNE 1 (FINAL DEADLINE)

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Verified GradCAS Application by published application deadline
2. Satisfactory completion of all prerequisite courses with minimum grades of "C"
3. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for all prerequisite courses
4. Successful admission interview

**= GUARANTEED ADMISSION**

#### **PREREQUISITE COURSES:**

<b>UOP COURSE ID:</b>	<b>SUBJECT AREAS</b>
BIO 170	ANATOMY
BIO 180	PHYSIOLOGY
ANY 3.0-UNIT CHEMISTRY COURSE	GENERAL CHEMISTRY
CHEM 121	ORGANIC CHEMISTRY
CHEM 151	BIOCHEMISTRY
BIO 145	MICROBIOLOGY

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(The following additional prerequisite courses are not offered by UOP. They can be taken in-person or online at any regionally-accredited institution):

- 1) Experimental Foods/ Food Science
- 2) Macronutrient Metabolism
- 3) Micronutrient Metabolism

**GRADUATE PREPARATION PLAN:**

By following this graduate preparation plan, you will strengthen your preparation and chances for success in graduate study as well as enhance the depth and quality of your undergraduate learning experience.

**Year 1:**

1. Establish a career plan with Career Services Advisor
2. Create a LinkedIn account – connect with professional Clinical Nutrition-related groups/ associations like Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics ([www.eatrightpro.org](http://www.eatrightpro.org))
3. Attend a Pacific Grad Expo and connect with Clinical Nutrition program reps
4. Attend an MS Clinical Nutrition info session
5. Join the Pacific MSCN social media channels

**Year 2:**

1. Class planning check-in with Faculty Advisor
2. Attend a regional Clinical Nutrition-related group meeting/ event
3. Join/ create a Clinical Nutrition-related student organization
4. Do job shadowing with a local registered dietitian/ nutritionist
5. Attend a Pacific MSCN student event

**Year 3:**

1. Discuss MSCN pre-requisites with Faculty Advisor
2. Check-in with Career Services to discuss progress towards career goals
3. Attend a regional Clinical Nutrition-related group meeting/ event
4. Visit the Pacific Volunteer Center to explore local clinical nutrition-related community service opportunities.
5. Attend a Pacific MSCN student event – connect with an MSCN Peer Advisor
6. Utilize Handshake and meet with an Employer and Internship Specialist to find a part-time internship with a local clinical nutrition-related organization (full-time during summer)

**Year 4:**

1. Discuss degree progress and graduation with Faculty Advisors
2. Schedule a Career Advising appointment for graduate school application support.
3. Attend a Grad Financial Aid workshop and GradCAS application workshop
4. Discuss your career goals and interest in attending health professional schools with your professors and set up recommenders for GradCAS application
5. Attend a regional clinical nutrition-related group meeting/ event
6. Continue clinical nutrition-related internship or job.
7. Attend a Pacific MSCN student event – connect with an MSCN Peer Advisor