Dietetics - Graduate Program

Interinstitution Graduate program

Participating institutions: Iowa State University; Colorado State University; Kansas State University; Michigan State University; Montana State University; North Dakota State University; Oklahoma State University; South Dakota State University; University of Kansas Medical Center; University of Nebraska.

Dietetics is an interinstitutional distance education program offered through the Web. The student selects a home institution, which grants the degree. After admission at the home institution, the student takes courses from each of the ten institutions: Iowa State University, Colorado State University, Kansas State University, Michigan State University, Montana State University, North Dakota State University, Oklahoma State University, South Dakota State University, Kendra Kattelman, University of Kansas Medical Center, and University of Nebraska.

At Iowa State University, Dietetics is a specialization within the Master of Family and Consumer Sciences degree program (MFCS-Diet) that consists of 36 credits. This is a non-thesis option and a special project or creative component is required. Students typically complete the program in 6-8 semesters while employed full-time. Admission is limited to those who are Registered Dietitians or Registration-eligible Dietitians. A computer with minimum specifications, web access, and an email address are required for completing the program.

Admission procedures: Admission to the MFCS-Diet program requires exactly the same procedures as admission to the Graduate College. See Graduate College section of this catalog.

Registration: Students choosing to receive their degree from Iowa State University complete all the admissions, registration and fee payment processes through ISU.

The department cooperates in the interinstitution Master of Family and Consumer Sciences program to offer a specialization in Dietetics. The Master of Family and Consumer Sciences-Dietetics is designed for the Registered Dietitian or Registration-eligible Dietitian. The 36 credit program is non-thesis and seeks to develop research skills, stimulate independent thought, and provide up-to-date knowledge in foods, nutrition, and foodservice/business management.

This program prepares individuals to integrate and apply the principles from the biomedical sciences, human behavior, and management to design and lead effective food and nutrition programs in a variety of settings. Students may build a program of study from offerings of the partner institutions such as human nutrition, nutrient metabolism, biostatistics, health promotion/disease prevention, foodservice systems management, food science, lifespan nutrition, wellness, entrepreneurship, nutrition education, nutritional assessment and food safety. The online program is tailored for credentialed, practicing dietetics professionals who seek to enhance their knowledge in a specific area of dietetics practice or retool for new career opportunities in dietetics practice.