

NUTRITION GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Banner Code: PH-CERG-NUTR

Academic Advising

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Available Concentrations

Students pursuing the graduate certificate in nutrition must choose from one of the following concentrations:

- Community Nutrition
- Food Security

This certificate qualifies for Title IV Federal Financial Aid.

Concentration in Community Nutrition

The graduate certificate in nutrition with a concentration in community nutrition prepares students to apply nutrition principles and the latest scientific evidence and methods of nutrition to health practice and research among different populations. The program emphasizes understanding the role of nutrition in population health and well-being and the development of skills required in the practice, analysis, and interpretation of nutrition-related information and data among individuals and populations. Students will acquire competencies in the following areas:

- public health nutrition framework
- nutritional assessment and monitoring
- research design and methodology
- planning and evaluation of nutrition programs

Concentration in Food Security

The graduate certificate in nutrition with a concentration in food security provides knowledge and tools in the areas of nutrition, food studies, geography, and geoinformation science to prepare students for careers in food security and safety. The program includes courses in nutrition, food security, food safety, and GIS and remote sensing. The program will give students insight into the determinants of food security in developing and industrialized countries, the roots of vulnerabilities of populations most at-risk, and programs involved in food security research and interventions worldwide.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Applicants must meet the admission standards and application requirements specified in Graduate Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>) and must apply using the Application for Graduate Admission (<https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/>). The application process is competitive, and applications are considered for the fall and spring semesters. For application deadlines and detailed application requirements, refer to the College of Public Health Admissions website (<https://publichealth.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/standards-requirements-and-deadlines/>).

Concentration in Community Nutrition

Previous undergraduate coursework in natural sciences, nursing, health science, and sociology is helpful.

Policies

To earn the certificate, students must complete all requirements listed within a concentration and earn a minimum GPA of 3.00 in the 18 credits of graduate coursework, with no more than 3 credits with a grade of C.

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-8>).

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 18

This certificate may be pursued on a full-or part-time basis.

Concentration in Community Nutrition (CMNT)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
NUTR 630	Global Nutrition	3
NUTR 566	Nutrition and Weight Management	3
GCH 712	Introduction to Epidemiology	3
NUTR 651	Nutrition Assessment	3
Electives		
Select two from the following:		6
GCH 610	Health Behavior Theory	
GCH 611	Health Program Planning and Evaluation	
GCH 752	Nutritional Epidemiology	
NUTR 583	Food and Culture	
Total Credits		18

Concentration in Food Security (FSEC)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
NUTR 608	Perspectives on Food Security	3
or BIOD 726	Food Security	
NUTR 610	Food Safety and Defense	3
or NUTR 583	Food and Culture	
NUTR 626	Food Systems	3
NUTR 630	Global Nutrition	3
Elective		
Select six credits from the following:		6
GCH 560	Environmental Health	
GGS 553	Geographic Information Systems	
GGS 579	Remote Sensing	
NUTR 611	Food and Nutrition Security Policy	
NUTR 651	Nutrition Assessment	

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or other approved elective course

Total Credits

18