NUTRITION GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Banner Code: HH-CERG-NUTR

Academic Advising

Website: chhs.gmu.edu/students/academic-advising/graduate-advising#nfs

Available Concentrations

Students pursuing the graduate certificate in nutrition may 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, and 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 CHHS Admissions website (https://chhs.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

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-8).

Concentration in Community Nutrition

A maximum of 3 credits in equivalent coursework taken at another college or university can be applied toward the certificate.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 18

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

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.

Concentration in Community Nutrition (CMNT)

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Electives

Select two from the following:

- GCH 610 Health Behavior Theory
- GCH 611 Health Program Planning and Evaluation
- GCH 752 Nutritional Epidemiology
- NUTR 583 Food and Culture

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Concentration in Food Security (FSEC)

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Elective

Select six credits from the following:

- GCH 560 Environmental Health
- GGS 553 Geographic Information Systems
- GGS 579 Remote Sensing
GGS 581
NUTR 611  Food and Nutrition Security Policy
NUTR 651  Nutrition Assessment
or other approved elective course

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