

APPLIED NUTRITION, M.S.A.N. – RDN TO M.S.A.N. PATHWAY

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Mission

The mission of the UNE Master of Science in Applied Nutrition program is to prepare individuals for leadership roles in the field of nutrition, to advance knowledge and expand skills that promote excellence and innovation in all areas of nutrition practice, and to emphasize evidence-based best practices to support the well-being and health outcomes of individuals, families, and communities through education, research, and scholarship.

Accreditation

Institutional Accreditation

All programs at the University of New England are accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

Program Description

Students in the RDN to M.S.A.N. program will develop skills in and an understanding of multiple competency areas of nutrition study and practice, dependent on their individualized course of study. This program allows the student to take the requisite classes and then diversify their educational plan of study to best meet their personal and professional needs. RDN to MSAN students may work with their Enrollment & Retention Counselor to choose from program approved APN and other CPS program electives at the 700-level and above that align with the student's area(s) of interest.

Transfer Credit

Upon acceptance, students may apply to transfer up to three courses (maximum of nine credits) into the Master of Science in Applied Nutrition program.

To request consideration for transfer credit, a student must provide an official transcript and a course syllabus for each course. Transfer credit is awarded at the discretion of The College of Professional Studies based on specific program details listed below. Requests for approval of transfer credit should be submitted to and will be granted at the discretion of the Program Director.

Transfer courses must:

- Be classified as graduate level.
- Have been taken within five years of application.
- Have been completed with a grade of B or better.
- Be worth three credits.
- Be equivalent to one of the required program courses or an elective course that meets the goals of the student's education.

Experiential Credit

The M.S.A.N. program does not grant academic credit for life experiences or previous work experience.

Admissions

See Online Admissions (<https://catalog.une.edu/graduate/admissions/#onlineprogramstext>) for more information.

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees for subsequent years may vary. Other expenses include books and housing. Please consult this catalog's Financial Information (<https://catalog.une.edu/graduate/financial-information-graduate-programs/>) page for specific tuition and fees information.

Curricular Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Program Required Courses		
APN 604	Nutrition Across the Lifespan	3
APN 610	Research Methods	3
APN 620	Nutrition Education and Health Behavior Change	3
APN 625	Nutrition Practice for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
or APN 734	Nutrition Leadership, Community Nutrition and Wellness	
APN 755	Applied Nutrition Capstone	3
APN 775	Advanced Nutrition Research	3
Nine credits of any 700-level or higher course with an APN prefix or approved CPS interprofessional courses		9
Total Hours		27

¹ APN 600 Trends & Issues in Nutrition, APN 615 Nutrition and Metabolism and APN 730 Medical Nutrition Therapy not permitted for students in the RDN to M.S.A.N. program. These courses are waived with an active CDR card.

Code	Title	Hours
Approved Interprofessional Course Options		
SSWO 635	Aging & Health	3
GPH 702	An Interprofessional Approach to Policy & Advocacy	3
GPH 706	Public Health Administration & Leadership	3
GPH 712	Principles of Epidemiology	3
GPH 713	Infectious Disease Epidemiology	3
GPH 716	Biostatistics	3
GPH 717	Applied Epidemiology	3
GPH 719	Research Methods	3
GPH 721	Foundations of Maternal & Child Health	3
GPH 722	Introduction to Environmental Health	3
GPH 727	Grant Writing	3
GPH 736	Chronic Disease Epidemiology	3
GPH 740	Global Health	3

Academic and Technical Standards

Minimum Grade Point Average

Matriculated graduate students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. Failure to do so will result in academic probation and possible termination from the program. Any student receiving a grade below B- on any individual course has failed that course must re-enroll and repeat the course to achieve a grade of B- or better. Any student who receives a grade of F in two or more courses may be dismissed from the program. An F that is replaced through retaking the course does not count toward this policy.

Graduation

Candidates must fulfill all program requirements and are required to earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 to be eligible to graduate. All students must file an Application to Graduate with the Registrar's Office via UNE Compass. Please see our Graduation FAQ for complete instructions and the answers to frequently asked questions. (<https://www.une.edu/registrar/graduation/>)

Program Goals

Master of Science in Applied Nutrition Program Goals

Graduates of the Master of Science in Applied Nutrition Program will:

- Interpret, evaluate, communicate and apply complex nutrition concepts to a wide variety of individuals, communities, and organizations.
- Use evidence-based knowledge to inform best practices in nutrition professions.
- Provide leadership and innovation to the nutrition profession, facilitating the growth and application of best practices in the field to our region and globally.
- Utilize theories of health behavior and the translation of theory into practice as a valuable tool in public health, community, and clinical nutrition settings.

Objectives in Support of the Goals of the Master of Science in Applied Nutrition Program

Graduates of the Master of Science in Applied Nutrition Program will:

- Develop and utilize nutrition concepts and best practices for nutrition and health promotion initiatives.
- Apply core research principles to measure the nutrition status and environment of individuals and communities.
- Develop communications and collaboration strategies with representatives from government, non-profit, community, and business entities regarding nutrition initiatives.
- Interpret and modify explanations of complex nutrition concepts for various audiences.
- Research, develop, and disseminate evidence-based and theory-driven educational materials and work products at an audience-appropriate level for topics related to nutrition and health promotion.