

# MSC (HUMAN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS)

## Overview

### NFQ Level 9, Major Award

The MSc in Human Nutrition and Dietetics is a full-time programme delivered over two years.

See also General Regulations for the Degree of Master (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/postgraduate/master/master-research/>).

## Exit Award

Students who graduate with an Exit Award will not be eligible to practise as a Dietitian.

## MSc in Human Nutrition

Students who pass each module in Year One and achieve a pass standard in DT6013 but fail to achieve a pass standard in any of DT6011, DT6012 or DT6015 or who opt to exit the programme will be awarded the MSc in Human Nutrition (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/mschn/>) (90 credits in total).

## Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition

Students who pass each module in Year One but fail to achieve a minimum aggregate of at least 50% across all modules in Year One or students who do not wish to progress to Year Two and exit the programme will be conferred with the Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdhn/>).

## Postgraduate Certificate in Human Nutrition

Students who pass modules in Year One to the value of 30 credits and opt to exit the programme will be conferred with the Postgraduate Certificate in Human Nutrition (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pchn/>).

## Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

## Programme Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Year 1</b>		
Students take <b>60</b> credits as follows – all listed core modules ( <b>55</b> credits) and <b>5</b> credits of elective modules:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
DT6002	Nutritional Assessment in the Clinical Setting	5
DT6003	Advanced Medical Nutrition Therapy	10
DT6004	Food Skills and Food Service Management	5
DT6006	Professional Practice and Interpersonal Skills	10
DT6007	Public Health Nutrition	5
DT6008	Medical Management of Disease	5
DT6009	Clinical Practice Placement 1	5
DT6010	Applied Research for Dietetics	5
DT6014	Dietetics Through the Lifecycle	5
<i>Elective Modules</i>		
Students take modules to the value of <b>5</b> credits from the following: <sup>1</sup> 5		

EH6158	Health Promotion I (5)
NT6107	Integration and Regulation of Nutrient Metabolism (5)
AP6129	Health Psychology (5)
MH6039	Allergy and Immunology: The Nurse's and Dietetics Perspective (5)

### Year 2

Students take **60** credits as follows:

#### Core Modules

DT6011	Clinical Practice Placement 2	10
DT6012	Clinical Practice Placement 3 <sup>2</sup>	15
DT6013	Research Dissertation in Dietetics	30
DT6015	Advanced Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics	5

**Total Credits** **120**

<sup>1</sup> Module selection is subject to the agreement of the programme coordinator, however students who have not completed an undergraduate degree in Nutrition are required to take NT6107.

<sup>2</sup> Students will complete DT6012 in two groups. Group 1 from January to March, followed by Group 2 from April to June.

## Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.

## Programme Learning Outcomes

### Programme Learning Outcomes for MSc (Human Nutrition and Dietetics) (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Apply a critical understanding and be proficient in the skills required for safe and effective dietetic practice as specified by the Dietitians Registration Board (CORU) and the Irish Nutrition and Dietetics Institute (INDI);
- Demonstrate the professional attributes, leadership, academic and clinical skills required to undertake evidence based competent practice across a variety of clinical settings;
- Integrate the research evidence, theory and principles from biological, clinical, nutritional and social sciences with practical application; to competently assess and identify nutritional related problems and determine dietetic interventions, including medical nutritional therapy, disease prevention and health promotion;
- Apply in-depth knowledge and critical understanding of key clinical and professional issues in the practice of dietetics;
- Demonstrate the ability to evaluate and identify ways in which clinical dietetic services may be enhanced through critical analysis of audit, clinical and academic evidence;
- Articulate reflective practice in the acquisition of knowledge and skills related to own dietetic practice and career development;
- Evidence a self-reflective approach to professional practice decision making and be responsive to the needs of service users;
- Acquire the relevant skills to engage in research and clinical audit and demonstrate advancement of research skills leading to the completion of a research dissertation.