

Master of Dietetics Studies

1 Enrolment requirements

1.1 Eligibility

- (1) Subject to rule 3, to be considered for enrolment in the program, an applicant must—
 - (a) hold an approved degree; and
 - (b) gain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 4 in the most recently completed bachelors degree; and
 - (c) have completed the following prerequisite studies at bachelor level (or higher) with a minimum grade of 4 within the 10 year period immediately preceding the proposed date of commencement—
 - (i) 4 units in each of public health nutrition and nutrition science at level 2 or higher; and
 - (ii) 4 units in physiology at level 2 or higher; and
 - (iii) 2 units in each of research methods (including statistical component), behavioural science and food sciences of commodities; and
 - (iv) 8 units in chemistry and biochemistry or both, including 4 units of biochemistry at level 2 or higher.
- (2) For the purpose of subrule 1.1(1)(a), an applicant whose approved degree was awarded more than 10 years prior to program commencement will not be considered unless the applicant within the last 10 years has—
 - (a) completed a postgraduate program; or
 - (b) completed at least one semester of other approved tertiary study.

1.2 Selection

- (1) Selection will be based on GPA calculated in accordance with General Award Rules.
- (2) If an applicant has results pending in the semester of application, these results must not be included in the calculation of the GPA.

1.3 Quotas

- (1) The head of school may set an annual quota for the program.
- (2) Places in the quota will be offered to students who satisfy the enrolment requirements based on merit as demonstrated by academic achievement.

2 Provisional entry for domestic applicants

2.1 Enrolment requirements

- (1) Domestic applicants must apply through QTAC.
- (2) The University will set an annual quota for provisional entry applicants.
- (3) Selection for a provisional place will be in accordance with the admission rules as they relate to the program in 2.1(4)(a).
- (4) An offer is condition upon the applicant—
 - (a) gaining admission into the bachelor of exercise and nutrition sciences or the health sciences (nutrition) program at this university (“the relevant program”); and
 - (b) completing the relevant program in subrule (a) in the minimum time permitted; and

- (c) successfully completing the prerequisite courses for MDietSt specified by the executive dean under rule 1.1(1)(c); and
- (d) obtaining an annual GPA of 5 in the relevant program.

2.2 Deferment

- (1) An applicant may defer the provisional place in accordance with the provisions of the Admission Rules.
- (2) The university may withdraw an offer if the applicant fails to enrol in the master of dietetics studies program in the year following completion of the relevant program.
- (3) Despite subrule (2), an applicant may apply to the head of school to defer the offer for one year to complete honours in the relevant program.

3 Program requirements

To complete the program, a student must complete 24 units from the MDietSt course list.

4 Special rules

4.1 Continuous enrolment

Unless approved by the executive dean, a student must undertake the program without interruption.

4.2 Exclusion

A student who fails the same course twice will be excluded from the program.

4.3 Immunisation schedule

- (1) Before commencing a course in which, in the opinion of the executive dean, the student may be at risk of contracting or passing on a blood borne virus or other disease, the student must complete a schedule of immunisations approved by the executive dean.
- (2) The requirement under subrule (1) may be waived only if —
 - (a) the student provides evidence of his or her status with respect to immunity against blood-borne viruses or other diseases prescribed in the schedule; or
 - (b) approved by the executive dean.

4.4 Blue card

Before commencing a course in which children or young people may be involved, the student must obtain a blue card and thereafter hold a current blue card for the duration of the program.