

MSNS Quick Facts

- Full-time, 17-month DI program; 36 credit Master of Science degree
- Program accepts up to 30 qualified interns each year (this is an unpaid internship)
- Apply through the Dietetic Internship Centralized Application System (DICAS) and D&D Digital computer matching by February 15
- Class begins the following fall semester. The MANS-DI program follows the University's academic calendar. The official academic calendar can be found at franu.edu/academic-calendar
- Program costs can be found at franu.edu/msns
- Financial aid and scholarship information can be found at franu.edu/financialaid
- Interns rotate through diverse settings with a concentration in Community Nutrition. Assigned sites include hospitals, clinical and management settings, food service and administrative sites, community-based settings, entrepreneur and private practice, and other specialty areas.



Become a Licensed RDN

Successful completion of this ACEND accredited internship program and Master of Science in Nutritional Sciences will meet the requirements for interns to sit for the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists. Upon passage of the RDN exam, the intern would be credentialed as an RDN. The new RDN would then apply for State Licensure in the state that he/she will reside in, if applicable.

Louisiana requires a license for all practitioners to practice as RDNs.

Accreditation

Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University's MSNS-DI program is granted candidacy for accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, 312-899-0040 ext. 5400 and is approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, 404-679-4500.

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Dietetic Internship

The Dietetic Internship program at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University (FranU) is designed to prepare interns with the skills and tools needed to excel as entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists.

- Specialty preceptors offer excellent experiences.
- Simulation Environment Teaching Hospital (SETH) labs offer premier learning strategies with students in all areas of the health care team.
- The Masters of Science in Nutritional Sciences degree offers advanced studies with the opportunity for research.

Learn more today!

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MISSION

To educate and form entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists or dietetic practitioners to meet the core competencies for becoming servant leaders in health and wellness. With a concentration in community nutrition, graduates will be educated in the most rigorous, individualized, professional, and comprehensive manner.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The program will prepare graduates to be competent for entry-level practice as registered dietitian nutritionists.

Objectives:

- The program's one-year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%.
- At least 80% of program students complete program/degree requirements within 25.5 months (150% of the program length).
- 100% of students will pass the program's comprehensive entry-level nutrition and dietetics skills simulation exam with a score of no less than 80%.

Graduates of the program will be compassionate, well-qualified professionals and servant leaders in health and wellness prepared to provide entry-level nutrition and dietetics services.

Objectives:

- Of graduates who seek employment, 80% are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.
- 80% of employers rank graduates as 'satisfied' or above in preparation for entry-level practice.
- 80% of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.
- 60% of graduates are involved as a leader in a community service and/or a professional organization in health and wellness.

Program outcomes data are available upon request.

Prospective interns can review the DI Handbook at franu.edu/msns.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Complete Digital Internship Centralized Application System (DICAS) application by February 15th.

For how to apply to DICAS, refer to portal.dicas.org. The following information must be included in DICAS:

- Declaration of Intent or Verification Statement from an ACEND accredited undergraduate Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) or Foreign Dietitian Education program (FDE)
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
- BS degree granted by a US regionally accredited college/university or foreign equivalent with a minimum GPA of 3.0, didactic courses 3.2
- A minimum combined GRE composite of 290
- Personal letter addressing goals, strengths, experiences, and interest
- Three letters of recommendation, one from a professor, from an employer and from any other professional
- Work or Volunteer Experiences

\$40.00 non-refundable application fee. Check or money order made payable to the Nutritional Sciences/Dietetic Internship Program. **Mail to 7500 Hennessy Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70808.**

Include a cover sheet with your name, current address, permanent address, phone number, and email address. *Check must be postmarked by February 15 for consideration.*

Video addressing interview questions emailed to Rachel.Fournet@franu.edu.

Register with D&D Digital Computer online Dietetic Internship matching services for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics by the deadline of February 15, 11:55 p.m. On how to register with D&D Digital, refer to dnddigital.com.

If a student matches with DICAS to the FranU DI program, the student automatically gains entrance into the MSNS program. Students have the opportunity to identify their cities of preference, selected from designated sites. Refer to the Application Site Form on franu.edu/msns.

Completion of the graduate degree is required, with a Capstone Research Project, even if a student already earned a Master's Degree.