Nutrition and Food Service Management

Official Program Checksheet

Why Choose Nutrition and Food Service Management

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Nutrition in Food Service Management prepares students to become Certified Dietary Managers (CDM). CDMs work together with registered dietitians to provide quality nutritional care for clients. They perform routine nutritional screening, calculate nutrient intake, identify nutrition problems, implement diet plans and carry out all aspects of food service management. The degree program was developed in direct response to the need for more CDMs in the growing health care field. CDMs are typically employed in areas such as assisted living, long term care, rehabilitation centers, acute care, and daycare facilities. Earning the CDM designation would be beneficial to anyone pursuing a career in the health care field, or food service industry, where knowledge of nutrition, allergens, weight loss, and therapeutic diets would be useful. Throughout their studies, students have the opportunity to earn professional certifications, such as ServSafe and First Aid/CPR, as a part of their required courses.

The nationally-recognized CDM credentialing exam is administered through the Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals (ANFP). The Ferris degree program is the only one in the State of Michigan that is approved by the ANFP. The curriculum provides students with content knowledge that corresponds directly to the topics covered by the exam. As part of the degree program, students complete 150 hours of supervised clinical experience of which 25 hours are working directly with a Registered Dietitian. Students may complete the degree at the main campus or Grand Rapids location.

The AAS in Nutrition and Food Service Management easily ladders into a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in the Hospitality Management with Specialized Management Concentration

Career Opportunities

Certified Dietary Managers are in high demand in the rapidly growing healthcare field with positions available in: hospitals, long term care, assisted living facilities, rehabilitation centers, senior communities, health clubs, and more.

Admission Requirements

New Students SAT Scores:

- 2.5 High School GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Two of the Three Criteria:
  1. SAT ERW score of 450 or higher
2. SAT Math score of 500 or higher. Placement in MATH 109/110 will be considered (SAT MATH score of 480 or higher).
3. SAT Composite of 900 or higher

New Students ACT Scores:

- 2.5 High School GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Two of the Three Criteria:
  1. ACT English score of 16 or higher
  2. ACT Math score of 19 or higher
  3. ACT Reading score of 19 or higher

Transfer Students:

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.35 (on a 4.0 scale) from all institutions attended. GPA based on completion of 12 credit hours or more. Developmental courses will not be considered in computing the GPA requirement.
- Transfer equivalency for FSU ENGL 150 or placement during the first semester at FSU which would require an ACT English score of 16 or higher; or SAT ERW score of 450 or higher; or Accuplacer English score of 6 or higher.
- Transfer equivalency for FSU MATH 114/115 or placement during the first semester at FSU which would require an ACT MATH score of 19 or higher; SAT MATH of 500 or higher; or Accuplacer Math scores: Elementary Algebra score 75 or higher and College Level Math 0-49.

Exceptions for New and Transfer Students:

Applicants not meeting the above criteria MAY be considered for an approved Associates Degree if:

- High School GPA of 2.35 or higher
- Math ACT score of 16/SAT Math 430 and additional high school algebra
- ACT Reading score of 16 and ACT English score of 14 or a comparable SAT ERW score to be determined.
- SAT Composite score of 860 or ACT composite score of 15.

Any mitigating circumstances will be considered on an individual basis by the College of Business Dean’s Office/SAA.

More Information:

Additional guidance can be found on the College of Business Webpage under the Admissions tab.

General Education Requirements

All University General Education requirements can be found here: http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/requirements/AAS.htm
Please consult this link for a complete listing of General Education Electives: http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/courses/index.htm

Consult the official checksheet or program advisor for program specific General Education requirements.

**Graduation Requirements**

- Maintain a 2.00 cumulative GPA in all FSU courses.
- Have 15 credits of FSU Classes (FSU Residency requirement).
- Have a minimum 60 total credits to earn an associate degree.
- Must maintain a 2.00 GPA in major courses.

**NOTICE:** Students who return to the university after an interrupted enrollment (not including summer semester) must normally meet the requirements of the curriculum, which are in effect at the time of their return, not the requirements which were in effect when they were originally admitted.

**More Information**

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