

Clinical Dietetics Program Podcast

Hello, my name is Kassie and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University (GVSU). Thank you for taking the time to learn more about GVSU's Master of Science in Clinical Dietetics program. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

Let's start by explaining to you what this program entails. The Master of Science (M.S.) in Clinical Dietetics is a 52-55 credit coordinated graduate program designed for those who need supervised practice. Classes are taught using the hybrid on-line model, with some in-seat class meetings and laboratory experiences. Upon successful completion, this program awards an M.S. degree, verification statement, and eligibility to sit for the registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN) exam which leads to the RDN credential. Didactic course work covers nutritional assessment, food and culinary science, advanced medical nutrition therapy, research methodology, master's research project or thesis, applied statistics, emerging professional practice issues, and advanced nutrition education, counseling, and coaching. For a complete listing of all courses please visit www.gvsu.edu/grad/clinicaldiet.

The M.S. in Clinical Dietetics program at GVSU is distinguished for a number of reasons. Our program is accredited at the graduate level by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). Our hybrid program model allows students to live anywhere and participate in supervised practice experiences throughout the state of Michigan and some surrounding states. The small class size allows for an intimate learning atmosphere and a closer working relationship with dedicated faculty members. In addition, GVSU offers state-of-the-art facilities, including simulation and human performance laboratories.

The field of dietetics is highly competitive and a postgraduate degree gives students an edge in securing professional employment. In fact, the profession of dietetics is moving toward the requirement of an entry level master's degree for all graduates beginning January 1, 2024. Additionally, the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates employment opportunities are expected to increase 8% from 2019 to 2029.

Standard GVSU admission requirements include completion of the online application as well as a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. If you have a bachelor's degree that is not from a didactic program in dietetics (DPD), you will need to complete a list of prerequisites found on the [Prerequisite Completion Form for the Clinical Dietetics M.S. program](#). Your application must include official transcripts, and if English is not your native language, you must provide scores from one of our approved standardized tests such as the TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or the PTE Academic. There is a \$30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended GVSU previously or are currently attending GVSU.

Additional requirements specific to the M.S. in Clinical Dietetics program include an overall grade point average of 3.0 or a satisfactory score on the GRE, a personal statement with an explanation of how this program will assist you in achieving your personal goals, two letters of recommendation, a personal interview, and a resume.

More program details, as well as the online application can be found on the Master of Science in Clinical Dietetics website, www.gvsu.edu/grad/clinicaldiet.

The great news about GVSU's graduate programs is that tuition rates for Michigan resident and non-resident students are the same. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be found at www.gvsu.edu/financialaid or by calling 616-331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu.

This is just a snapshot of the Master of Science in Clinical Dietetics Coordinated Graduate program at GVSU. We hope that you will consider applying to a graduate program at GVSU. Any questions can be directed to the Graduate Program Director, Jennifer Ford, at fordjenn@gvsu.edu or to The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu. Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.