

The nutrition certificate prepares students to consider population-level methods to address nutrition and dietetic needs. Students will be equipped to translate the science of nutrition into practical solutions through policy, practice, and research. Students will receive a certificate from the Department of Public Health. Completion of certificates is *not* noted on academic transcripts. Upon graduation with the MPH, completion of the certificate, and completion of the dietetic internship program students will be eligible to receive a Verification Statement, which is needed to take the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) examination.

**Eligibility**

Only matriculated Master of Public Health (MPH) students at Brigham Young University who were admitted as an MPH with a Dietetic Internship are eligible for the Nutrition certificate.

**Requirements for the Nutrition Certificate**

Students must complete 18 credits (6-8 classes plus applied practice experience courses) in order to earn the Nutrition certificate.

<b>Course<sup>a, b, c</sup></b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<i>Complete the following applied practice experience courses</i>		
HLTH 688R	Field Experience (128 hours)	2
NDFS 620R	Supervised Practice Experience	4
<i>Complete the following requirements</i>		
NDFS 621	Clinical Practice in Dietetics	2
NDFS 622	Food Systems Management	2
NDFS 636	Managing a Dietetics Career	1
NDFS 637	Advanced Management in Dietetics	2
NDFS 638	Advanced Clinical Nutrition	2
Complete three credits from the following options <sup>a,b,c</sup>		
COMMS 602	Qualitative Research Methods	3
HLTH 691R	Mentored Research ( <i>up to 3 credits can be counted for the certificate – must be research in a nutrition and dietetics area</i> )	3
HLTH 696R	Independent Studies ( <i>up to 3 credits can be counted for the certificate – must be research in a nutrition and dietetics area</i> )	3
HLTH 603R	Special Topics in Public Health	1-3
HLTH 450	Women’s Health Issues	3
HLTH 480	Global Health	3
MPA 608	Project Management	1.5
MPA 621	Public and Nonprofit Budgeting	3
MPA 631	Public Program Evaluation	3
MPA 635	Data Visualization	3
MPA 659R	Grantwell	1.5
MSB 334	Grant Writing	2
NDFS 631R	Current Controversies in Nutrition	1-2
NDFS 633	Maternal and Child Nutrition & Health	2
NDFS 634	Nutrition Education	2
NDFS 635	Advanced Topics in Human Obesity	2
NURS 505	Interprofessional Education for Health Professions	1

<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>
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<sup>a</sup> MPH students can count up to 9.0 credits of 300/400 level courses toward their MPH degree, but not more than 9.0 credits. Only one 300 level course may be counted. Students must petition to Graduate Studies for approval to count a 300-level course.

<sup>b</sup> If any listed course(s) were taken as part of an undergraduate degree, then students must substitute the course(s) with another approved elective.

<sup>c</sup> Students may request to substitute another course not included on this list of course options. That course must be approved by the Nutrition certificate lead, Lori Spruance, and the MPH director.

### **Field Experience and “R” Courses Requirements**

Students need to complete a field experience (HLTH 688R) in nutrition and dietetics or an area that will support work in nutrition and dietetics (e.g., program planning, evaluation, health communication, and so forth). Students must complete 128 hours for HLTH 688R. Students will also complete 4 credits of NDFS 620R. Rotations in NDFS 620R will take place in fall and winter semester of the student’s second year. Rotations will be assigned by the DI director, Pauline Williams.

*Note: Supervised practice hours will likely need to be included in the field experience proposal and final written report in order to demonstrate the following HLTH 688R requirements: 300 field experience hours, three MPH foundational competencies and two additional MPH competencies that are foundational or concentration competencies, and two tangible products.*

Students choosing to complete HLTH 603R – Special Topics in Public Health, HLTH 691R – Mentored Research, and/or HLTH 696R – Independent Studies as an elective(s) are required to focus on nutrition and dietetics topics, readings, research, or studies.