

**Cover Letter: Program and Curriculum Changes in the Nutritional Sciences Masters Program:**

Please note that the recommended changes for the Masters program in Nutritional Sciences has been developed and approved by a Master's Curriculum Subcommittee with faculty representation from Medicine (Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences), College of Health Sciences, Agriculture, and Nursing, as well staff representation from the UK Hospital Dietetics program and staff representation from Central Baptist Hospital. Additionally the curriculum, as submitted, was also approved by the Nutritional Sciences Curriculum Committee and the core faculty in the Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences. Approval, for adding Counseling Techniques EDP 605 and Epidemiology CPH 605 as Emphasis Area requirements, has been received from the respective colleges.

Addendum: The proposed changes in the doctoral program are also attached since the curriculum is integrated between the two degree programs.

***Note to CHS Academic Affairs*** - The following courses are CNU primary courses and need approval by the Academic Affairs Committee prior to moving on to the HCCC.

CNU 611 Advanced Medical Nutrition Therapy  
CNU 612 Examination Skills for the Clinical Nutritionist  
CNU/NS/FSC 603 Integrated Nutritional Sciences Part II  
CNU 602 change to CNU 613 (*Minor Course Change*)

**UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY  
REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM**

Program: Nutritional Sciences

Department/Division: Nutritional Sciences and Clinical Nutrition

College: Medicine/Health Sciences Bulletin pp \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Title (Old): Masters of Science Nutritional Sciences Major (New): \_\_\_\_\_

CIP Code: 30.1901 HEGIS Code: 30.0901

Accrediting Agency (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**I. CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1. Number of transfer credits allowed (Graduate School limit: 9 hours or 25% of coursework)	9	Same
2. Residence requirement (if applicable)	None	Same
3. Language(s) and/or skill(s) required	None	Same
4. Termination criteria	Same as Graduate School	Same
5. Plan A requirements*	35 credits	30 credits
6. Plan B requirements*	35 credits	30 credits
7. Distribution of course levels required (At least one half must be at 600+ level & two thirds must be in organized courses)	Same	Same
8. Required courses (if applicable)	<b>See Attached Course Changes</b>	<b>See Attached Course Changes</b>
9. Required distribution of courses within program  (if applicable)	(At least one half must be at 600+ level & two thirds must be in organized courses)	Same
10. Final examination requirements	Oral Exam or thesis defense	Same

\* If there is only one plan for the degree, plans involving a thesis (or the equivalent in studio work, etc.) should be discussed under Plan A and those not involving a thesis should be discussed under Plan B.

NOTE: To the extent that proposed changes in 5, 6 or 8 above involve the addition of courses in other programs, please submit correspondence from the other program(s) pertaining to the availability of such courses to your students.

11. Any other requirements not covered above  
 Students will be required to have at least an undergraduate 200 level or equivalent physiology course. It is recommended that students have a 400 level or higher biochemistry course before entering the program.
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**II. RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S)**

If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements.  
 We are realigning our courses and course requirements to better meet today's nutrition knowledge and skills needs for our students. With the Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences move from the Graduate School to Medicine, we are revising both the MS and PhD curriculum (See Appendix) and are integrating the MS and PhD course requirements and curriculum to avoid duplication when possible. However there are courses that differ between the doctoral curriculum and master's curriculum particularly regarding the emphasis areas of Clinical Nutrition, Wellness and Sports Nutrition and Community Nutrition. With the proposed new curriculum, by eliminating overlap of courses and re-examining the core knowledge base expected of a graduating master's student in each of the emphasis areas, we are changing the total credit hours from 35 to 30. This change also allows distance learning students to complete their master's degree in a timelier manner and coordinates the clinical track with the hospital internship program allowing students to complete both the internship and master's degree in 2 to 2 1/2 years.

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**Signatures of Approval:**

12/19/07  
 Date of Approval by Department Faculty

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 Date of Approval by College Faculty

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3-10-08  
 \*Date of Approval by Undergraduate Council Curriculum Committee

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\*Date of Approval by Graduate Council

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\*Date of Approval by Health Care Colleges Council (HCCC)

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\*Date of Approval by Senate Council

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\*If applicable, as provided by the Rules of the University Senate

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ACTION OTHER THAN APPROVAL

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