

Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Course Number _____ or Degree Plan(s) M.S. in Nutrition

State the requested change and reason. A memo may be attached if more space is necessary.

Proposed: The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) has granted permission to combine the M.S. in Nutrition with the Dietetic Internship, and as a result, it is appropriate to combine the M.S. in Nutrition with the Dietetic Internship. The free-standing M.S. in Nutrition will still be available.

NUTR 620 should be removed from the requirements and moved to the electives section of the M.S. in Nutrition (only the free-standing M.S. in Nutrition). NUTR 635 should be added in the electives section of both degrees.

Rationale: ACEND has mandated that all Dietetic Internships will have to be associated with a masters degree and all graduates of Dietetic Internships will be required to have a masters degree before sitting for the Registration Examination for Dietitians by 2024. The attached letter from ACEND is official approval concerning accreditation for ACU to combine the two programs to form the combined M.S. in Nutrition/Dietetic Internship program.

NUTR 620 is only allowed for credit if an applicant has completed a dietetic internship within the last 5 years prior to being admitted to the free-standing M.S. in Nutrition degree; an explanation statement is on that degree plan. NUTR 635 was approved as a new course last spring and is appropriate to be added as an elective to both degree plans.

Circle the number that corresponds to the requested change. Degree plan changes are on the second page.

		COUNCIL ³						
		Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	TEC	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD
Change to a Course								
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	A		I		I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	A		I		I
3.	Course term(s)	A	I	A		I		I
4.	Content (substantive change)	A	A	A		I		A
5.	Number of hours (lecture, lab, contact)	A	A	A		A		A
6.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I		I		I
7.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A		A		A
8.	Prerequisites	A	A	A		I		I
9.	Course fee(s)	A	--	A		--		A
10.	From U to G or G to U	A	A	A		A		A
11.	Cross list with another department: U or G level	A	A	A		A		A
12.	Department of record	A	A	A		A		A
13.	Open or close a course	A	A	A		A		A
14.	New course — See website for application and process. This change includes combining or splitting a course(s).	A	A	A		A		A

Note: When an academic unit does not have a council, the UGEC and/or UUAC will serve as its academic council, depending on the nature of the issue.

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	Change to a Degree Plan	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	TEC	UGEC	UAC	GRAD	Provost	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
1.	University Requirements — Change in approved course content ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
2.	University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	--
3.	University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements ⁶	A	--	--	A				A	--	A	--
4.	University Requirements — Change hours within a menu on the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	--
5.	Major — Revision of major ^{4,5}	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
6.	Major — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
7.	Major — Add ^{4,5}	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	I
8.	Major – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	I
9.	Major – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.										
10.	GPA — Revise major or cumulative requirement	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	--
11.	Minor — Revise course selection	A	A	A	I				I	--	I	--
12.	Minor — Add	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
13.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
14.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.										
15.	Degree — Add	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	I
16.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	I
17.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.										
18.	Any change to a graduate degree program	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--

COUNCIL ³										
	Provost-Proposed Change	Provost	Department	Dean	TEC	UAC	Graduate	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
1.	Major/Graduate Program – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			A	A	I
2.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			--	A	--
3.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			A	A	I

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	Change to the Catalog Information	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	UGEAC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	Faculty	President
1.	General requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees ⁷	--	--	--	A			A	A	A
2.	Admission requirements	--	--	--	A			A	A	A
3.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	--	--	--	A			A	A	A
4.	Requirements for graduating with honors	--	--	--	A			A	A	A

¹ Councils may request additional information about "Information" items. These items are approved as "Consent Agenda."

² The Dean and Department should respond to the Provost's recommendation to close a program in writing. Advise & Respond (R) requires that the voting body should receive the written responses at least one week prior to the vote.

³ All courses that meet University Requirements for general education must go through UGEAC. Courses or degrees offered only to students seeking teacher certification must go through the Teacher Education Council. All undergraduate changes must go before the UUAC. All graduate degree plan changes must go through the Graduate Council.

⁴ A minimum of 30 hours is required for a major. A maximum is specified for each degree (e.g., BA, BS). The university minimum for elective hours is 6, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible.

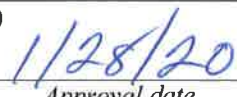
⁵ Program or course changes that apply to any major that includes Teacher Certification will be reviewed by the college, the Teacher Education Council (TEC), and then the UUAC.

⁶ Courses that satisfy ACU's University Requirements (General Education) will normally have lower-level numbering, be free of prerequisites and co-requisites, appeal to more than one or two majors, and "not narrowly focus on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession" (SACS 2.7.3). Departments may request exceptions to the first three criteria.

⁷ The UUAC approved the clarification that "general requirements for graduation" means the enumerated items in the "General Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees" section of the catalog.

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Curriculum/Catalog Changes Signature Page

Department/School Chair(s)	
 Signature	 Approval date
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College Academic Council(s)	
 Signature	 Approval date
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Dean(s)	
 Signature	 Approval date
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Teacher Education Council	
_____ Chair's signature	_____ Approval date

General Education Council	
_____ Chair's signature	_____ Approval date

Undergraduate Academic Council	
_____ Chair's signature	_____ Approval date

Graduate Council	
_____ Chair's signature	_____ Approval date

Provost	
_____ Signature	_____ Approval date

Faculty	
_____ Chair of faculty senate	_____ Approval date

President	
_____ Signature	_____ Approval date

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Dear Ms. Williams:

This letter is to advise you of the action of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®) Board regarding the proposed program change submitted by the Dietetic Internship, Abilene Christian University. During its November 11, 2019 meeting, the ACEND Board voted to approve the request to change the certificate program into a combined internship/master's program. The Program provided evidence that the changes comply with the ACEND Accreditation Standards and policies.

Our records indicate that the next site visit will be scheduled for 2024. In the meantime, if you wish to propose major changes to your program, you must submit the changes in writing to ACEND for review prior to implementation. The ACEND Board maintains the right to require an interim report, self-study, and/or site visit as a result of these changes. Guidelines for requesting major changes are posted on the ACEND Web site here: [Major Program Change Guidelines](#)

Thank you for your continued support of dietetics education. If you have any questions, please call the ACEND staff at 800-877-1600 ext. 5400.

Sincerely,



Janet S. Johnson, MS, RDN, LD, Chair
Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

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cc: Philip Schubert, PhD, President
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Sheila Jones, PhD, RD, LD, Chair
Amy Anichini, MS, RD, LDN, ACEND Senior Manager

Nutrition, MS (CONU-GEN)

Nutrition, General

Prerequisite Degree Requirements

This program requires a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution. In addition, students must have completed Didactic Program in Dietetics requirements in an accredited program as specified by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND).

Major Requirements

Core Courses

- [NUTR 622 - Weight Management](#) | Credit Hours: 3
- [NUTR 623 - Nutrition and Poverty](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [NUTR 626 - Nutrition Assessment](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [NUTR 628 - Nutrition Education and Counseling](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [NUTR 629 - Nutrition and Integrative Medicine](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [NUTR 633 - Nutritional Genomics](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [NUTR 634 - Practice Skills and Current Issues](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 21 Credit Hours

Electives

Select 15 hours from the following menu:

- [NUTR 620 - Dietetic Internship](#) Credit Hours: 6 hours will be awarded for a completed dietetic internship within the previous 5 years before admittance to the general M.S. in Nutrition program
- [NUTR 624 - Weight Management II](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [NUTR 625 - School Nutrition](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [NUTR 627 - Nutrition for Diabetes Mellitus](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [NUTR 632 - Nutrition for Eating Disorders](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [NUTR 635 - Nutrition for Exercise and Sport](#) Credit Hours: 3

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Additional Requirements

- [NUTR 620 - Dietetic Internship](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [NUTR 620 - Dietetic Internship \(this course must be taken twice\)](#) Credit Hours: 3

- NUTR 621 – Nutrition Research Credit Hours: 3

Total: 9 Credit Hours

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Total: 6 Credit Hours

Total Major Hours: 36

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