Dietetics and Integrative Medicine Graduate Certificate

An opportunity for working professionals or graduate students, students in this program acquire knowledge to function as a skilled advisor to the patient and a collaborative member of multidisciplinary health care teams. Students may enter with bachelor’s or master’s degrees in dietetics, nutrition, biological sciences or other healthcare professions.

Qualified applicants must currently be a registered dietitian (or other healthcare professional) and/or enrolled in a health professions major at the graduate level.

In addition, to be considered for admission, all students must meet the following requirements:

1. **Undergraduate Degree**
   A bachelor’s degree is required for admission. The degree may be in any field but must have included specific prerequisite courses in medical nutrition therapy and genetics. Degrees earned outside the United States must be evaluated for equivalency.

2. **Graduate Record Examination Score**
   An official score on the Graduate Record Examination General Test is required and official results must be sent directly to our office. For GRE information, visit [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org).

3. **Grade Point Average**
   A cumulative undergraduate grade-point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for college course work is required for admission.

4. **Background Check**
   This one-time fee must be paid directly to the company performing the background investigation. You will be asked to provide information and make the payment once you have been officially accepted into the program. For more information, please see the School of Health Professions Background Check Instructions. ([http://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions/background-checks.html](http://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions/background-checks.html))

International students or those for whom English is a second language must meet minimum English proficiency ([http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies/kumc/#admissiontext](http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies/kumc/#admissiontext)) requirements. International students may have additional requirements for visa, residency, and citizenship status. Students should contact the KUMC Office of International Programs ([http://www.kumc.edu/international](http://www.kumc.edu/international)) for guidance regarding these issues during the application process.

**Certificate Program Information:**

No student may work toward a graduate certificate without being accepted as a graduate certificate student in a specific graduate certificate program. Graduate certificates are not granted retroactively. An individual who is not currently a degree-seeking graduate student at KU must apply and may be admitted directly to a graduate certificate program.

The graduate certificate program is not a means of entry into a graduate degree program. If students admitted to a graduate certificate program are later admitted to a graduate degree program as degree-seeking, applicable courses taken for the graduate certificate program may, upon recommendation of the department and within general guidelines, be approved by the Office of Graduate Studies to be counted toward the degree.

While the courses comprising a graduate certificate may be used as evidence in support of a student’s application for admission to a graduate degree program, the certificate itself is not considered to be a prerequisite and does not guarantee admission into any graduate degree program. The certificate program is not intended to serve as a default system for students in a degree program who find that they are not able to complete the degree for academic or other reasons. Should a student drop out of a degree program and seek admission to a certificate program, all certificate admission requirements must be followed for admission and conferral.

Graduate credit from another institution may not be transferred to a graduate certificate program.

This is an online program only, with no campus visits required. The 12 credit hours are delivered as web-based courses, affording great flexibility to students. The curriculum includes the following four courses, with one course offered per semester:

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**Total Hours** 12

The program is offered fall, spring and summer semesters. However, courses must be completed in a designated order, so please ask an adviser for details.