Dietetics and Integrative Medicine Graduate Certificate

KU's graduate certificate in dietetics and integrative medicine offers an opportunity for working professionals or graduate students to acquire knowledge to function as a skilled advisor to the patient and a collaborative member of multidisciplinary health care teams. The program is open to students with bachelor's or master's degrees in dietetics, nutrition, biological sciences or other health care professions.

The program explores a personalized approach to prevention and treatment of chronic disease that embraces conventional and complementary therapies. It reaffirms the importance of the therapeutic relationship, a focus on the whole person, lifestyle, biochemical individuality and environmental influences.

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 program is administered by the KU Department of Dietetics and Nutrition (http://catalog.ku.edu/health-professions/dietetics-nutrition).

This program is open to students with bachelor's or master's degrees in dietetics, nutrition, biological sciences or other healthcare professions. Applications are accepted online. Detailed instructions on how to apply are available on the Department of Dietetics and Nutrition (http://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions/dietetics-and-nutrition/dietetics-and-integrative-medicine-graduate-certificate.html) website. Application deadlines are May 15 for fall semester, October 15 for spring semester, and March 15 for summer semester.

Admission requirements:

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution is required and must be documented by submission of official transcript indicating the degree has been conferred before entering the program. Official transcripts for all courses from all institutions attended are also required. The bachelor's degree may be in any field.
- Students with degrees from outside the U.S. require transcript evaluation indicating the degree is equivalent to a U.S. degree and meets the minimum cumulative grade-point average requirement.
- Students must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in his or her bachelor's degree program.
- Applicants who are not native speakers of English, whether domestic or international, must demonstrate they meet the minimum English proficiency requirement.
- For applicants without a graduate degree, an official copy of the Graduate Record Examination score is required and must be sent from Educational Testing Service (ETS) to KU Medical Center using ETS institutional code 6895.
- Students must possess the registered dietitian license (or other health care professional certification) and/or be enrolled in a health professions degree program at the graduate level at the time of application.
- A résumé or curriculum vitae is required and must include prior employment, participation in professional and/or voluntary organizations (e.g., hospital, alumni or nonprofit).
- A statement of career goals will be submitted with the application or may be included in the résumé document.
- Three references are required. The references must be from faculty, advisors, employers, or others familiar with the applicant's work and character. The recommendations may not be obtained from family members, friends, etc.
- The Joint Commission requires all incoming students to pay for a background check (http://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions/background-checks-and-drug-screening-for-students.html). This one-time fee must be paid directly to the company performing the background investigation. For more information, please see the School of Health Professions Background Check Instructions. (http://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions/background-checks-and-drug-screening-for-students.html)

Applicants will be assessed based on these requirements. After an applicant has been admitted, a program may defer an applicant's admission for one year after which time the applicant must submit a new application. Admission requirements are subject to change. In most cases, use the catalog of the year a student entered the program. Other years' catalogs

Certificate Program information: (http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies/kumc/#certificatestext)
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.

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Certificate requirements:

- Certificate requirements are normally completed within one (1) year of admission to the program although a maximum of 4 years is allowed.
Typical Plan of Study (Fall semester start)

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