



MSAN & RDN COMPARISON

Master of Science in Applied Nutrition (MSAN) and associated Focus Areas*

RDN-to-MSAN Pathway

MSAN - Dietetics Focus Area

Program Length	36 credit hours can be completed in 2 years full-time	27 credit hours can be completed in 16 months full-time	48 credit hours can be completed in 2 years full-time
Career Outcomes	<p>Depending on credentials and relevant state laws, graduates may attain positions that include but are not limited to consulting, health coaching, wellness program development, nutrition education, as well as personal or industry consulting.</p>	<p>Remain competitive in the field and fulfill requirements for pay increases.*</p> <p><i>*In some instances</i></p>	<p>Upon successful completion of the program students are awarded the verification statement needed to sit for the RDN exam.</p> <p>After passing the RDN exam graduates will be able to legally provide nutrition counseling in all 50 states and become eligible for governmental insurance reimbursement for nutrition counseling services.</p> <p>Work one-on-one with clients / patients in a variety of settings treating chronic nutrition related conditions. Conduct client and community based education, counseling, and / or research in the field of nutrition.</p>

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Prerequisite Course Requirements	Previous coursework in Nutrition and/or Nutrition Biochemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, and Statistics is highly recommended.	None, though a copy of your RDN license is required to waive the three courses* omitted in this accelerated pathway. *APN 600, APN 615, and APN 730	1. Three prerequisite courses: Applied Anatomy and Physiology, Applied Nutritional Biochemistry, and Applied Food Innovation with an earned B- or better. (Comparable courses may be considered for transfer credit.) 2. 400 hours of Supervised Experiential Learning must be approved by the MSAN Assistant Program Director and scheduled with the site prior to course registration.
Coursework	36 Credit Hours 6 Required Courses 4 Elective Courses 1 Capstone Co-requisite Course 1 Capstone Course	27 Credit Hours 4 Required Courses 3 Elective Courses 1 Capstone Co-requisite Course 1 Capstone Course	48 Credit Hours 12 required courses including a Capstone Co-requisite and 1 Capstone course 12 corresponding 1 credit Lab Courses with the SEL hours
Course Schedule	Take 1 course every 8-week term (with the exception of the capstone and co-requisite courses, which takes place over a 16-week term). The co-requisite and capstone can be split up.	Take 1 course every 8-week term (with the exception of the capstone and co-requisite courses, which takes place over a 16-week term). The co-requisite and capstone can be split up.	Take 1 course every 8-week term (with the exception of the capstone and co-requisite courses, which takes place over a 16-week term).
Tuition & Fees	Tuition and fees are the same for both programs. Info about any additional costs can be found on the MSAN website .		
Program Outcome	Master's degree	Master's degree in a shorter timeframe. RDN's can also earn up to 405 hours of CPEU's while taking graduate courses.	Upon successful completion of the program students are awarded the verification statement needed to sit for the RDN exam.

*Such MSAN focus areas include Non-Diet Approaches to Health Promotion, Nutrition & Disease Prevention, Sustainable Nutrition, or the Individualized option in which students can choose any combination of electives.