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*Please consult the Manitoba Partnership Dietetic Education Program (MPP)
Application Guide for complete application instructions*

1. *What is the MPP Pre-Selection Program?*

The MPP is part of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA), Nutrition and Food Services and ensures dietetic interns gain practical experience in all aspects of dietetic practice. This dietetic education program is accredited under the *Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice* (PDEP) and prepares individuals for eligibility for registration with a provincial regulatory body. The program offers diverse learning opportunities, throughout the WRHA and other health regions in Manitoba, to support dietetic interns in developing skills in all five areas of practice competence: Professional Practice, Communication and Collaboration, Nutrition Care, Population and Public Health and Management as outlined in *The Integrated Competencies for Dietetic Education and Practice* developed by PDEP.

Within the MPP there is an enhanced emphasis on community-based practice, primary health care, long-term care, rural health care and Indigenous nutritional health. All dietetic interns participating in MPP complete nine weeks of their training outside Winnipeg to ensure diverse dietetic experiences are obtained across the health care continuum.

2. *How many positions are available through MPP Pre-Selection?*

MPP will accept 20 students per year by the Pre-Selection process.

3. *Who is eligible to apply and when?*

Students admitted to the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Human Nutritional Sciences degree program will be eligible to apply to be pre-selected by the MPP for the 4 year BSc in Human Nutritional Sciences program. For example: Students choosing this application route will submit their applications to the MPP on November 9, 2021. The students pre-selected in 2021 will start internship in September 2022 and end the program in June the following year.

Applying to MPP is an **option** available to HNS students, **not a requirement**.

4. *Where can I find MPP Pre-Selection Information?*

Information on Pre-Selection is posted on the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences website in the MPP Pre-Selection Application Guide [click here](#).

The MPP Pre-Selection Application Guide is updated annually. An orientation session will be held in September at the University of Manitoba so students can learn more about eligibility requirements, the application and selection process, and to ask questions.

Exact dates will be posted in the faculty and circulated via email.

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5. Will exceptions or special circumstances be considered?

The guidelines provided in the MPP Pre-Selection Application Guide will be followed, however special circumstances will be considered for reasons of illness or other disability, or for compassionate reasons or if unusual course scheduling issues arise, with appropriate and verified documentation. **If you are concerned about whether you are eligible, please contact the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences (FAFS) Academic Advisor for further information.** Special circumstances need to be accompanied with a **Special [Consideration Request Form](#) (Must consult with the FAFS Academic Advisor to obtain this form).** Please make an appointment to discuss your situation with the Academic Advisors and they will sign/forward the form to the MPP Liaison for consideration by the MPP Manager.

6. How can a student find out if he/she is eligible to apply for Pre-Selection?

Applicants must complete the **Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Permission to Access Student's File Form and Confirmation of Academic Courses & Degree GPA Form** and submit to the Advising Office by to **October 15, 2021**. The **Confirmation of Academic Courses & Degree GPA Form** will be signed by the Academic Advisor and the MPP Liaison. Grades will be reviewed by the MPP Liaison in consultation with FAFS Student Academic Advisor and will copy MPP on the decisions for grades. MPP will agree if the individual is eligible to apply. Students will be notified by **October 22, 2021** via email if they have met the eligibility criteria and can proceed with the MPP Pre-Selection application submission. If criteria are not met, the student is not eligible to apply for MPP Pre-Selection.

7. When are MPP Pre-Selection applications due?

Pre-Selection applications are due on November 9, 2021 by 4:00 pm. Applications can be email to mppapplications@umanitoba.ca for bulk delivery to MPP, or you can send directly to MPP. For direct submission to MPP, it can be through mail, email: NutritionandFoodServices@wrha.mb.ca, or in-person drop off. **Note MPP office is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.** The MPP office address below:

Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Nutrition and Food Services
Manitoba Partnership Dietetic Education Program
345 DeBaets Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R2J 3V6

8. When will students be notified of MPP's decision of acceptance into the program?

Students will receive notification of acceptance or non-acceptance by email from MPP during the 3rd week of December (after the last final exam).

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9. Can second degree students apply through Pre-Selection?

Second degree students who meet the eligibility requirements for Pre-Selection can apply in November and be accepted as a pre-selected student and start internship in the fall 2022 (notification during the 3rd week of December).

10. Can International Students apply for MPP Pre-Selection?

International students are eligible to apply through Pre-Selection. An international student who is accepted into an internship is responsible for obtaining the necessary documentation to extend their work permit to complete the internship. Work permit documentation must be provided to the MPP program prior to internship start.

12. Can Graduate Students apply for MPP Pre-Selection?

Graduate students are eligible for MPP Pre-Selection if they graduated from the Human Nutritional Sciences Undergraduate degree program at the University of Manitoba in Spring 2021 or October 2021 providing they meet the course requirements with a B or higher and GPA minimum.

13. What references are required when applying for MPP Pre-Selection?

Two work-related reference reports (either paid or volunteer work) are required. Referees should be from individuals who have evaluated your work and have the authority to monitor your performance such as a previous/current employer or supervisor of volunteer work. The individuals you select to complete your reference reports should be able to judge your performance in all areas on the report form. Do not use a reference from a family member, friend, fellow student, peer or work customer/client. Include the work experience your referee is referring to on your resume. Only choose a university faculty member if you have worked directly for that individual. Referees do not need to be dietitians.

14. When is HNSC 4600 Research Course taught?

It will be taught during the Spring 2022. It will be five-week program, class meeting twice per week - 3 hours per session. May not be held with HNSC 4120 or HNSC 4122.

15. Are Pre-Selected students required to take HNSC 4600 Research Course or can they take HNSC 4120 or HNSC 4122 instead?

Students can take HNSC 4120 Senior Thesis or HNSC 4122 Research Project in Human Nutritional Sciences out of interest, but they are required to take HNSC 4600 as the research requirement if they are an MPP Pre-Selected student and cannot use both courses towards the degree.