

Master of Applied Human Nutrition (MAHN) Information Session

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Presentation Outline

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- Overview of the MAHN program
- Key application and admission dates
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Eligibility

- For September 2023, only University of Manitoba (UM) students and graduates are eligible to apply.
- Applicants must have graduated from UM's undergraduate FHNS-dietetics preparation option within the past three years or will be graduating in spring convocation of this year.
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 credit hours of study of university level course work is required.
- It is strongly recommended that applicants have a minimum grade of 'B' or equivalent in all upper level 3000/4000 nutrition courses.
- Or a grade of 'B' or higher is required in all courses taken to meet academic upgrading required by the College of Dietitians of Manitoba (CDM).

Program Considerations

- The MAHN program is a full-time, 40 hour per week, educational experience.
- Students will be expected to complete four, 3-credit courses within this same period. There is NO option for a reduced course load.
- This is an intense period of application of knowledge through supervised practice.
- It is difficult to be employed and meet the demands of this program and therefore, **employment during the program is highly discouraged**. If a student chooses to work, **employment must not interfere in any way with program attendance and performance**.
- Students are expected to be available for meetings or to make up missed practicum time during study weeks.

Overview of Program (1/5)

- For 2023-2024, there will be a maximum of 20 positions available.
- The MAHN program reserves the right to offer fewer positions.
- Two positions are prioritized for Indigenous persons.

Overview of MAHN Program (2/5)

Activity	Length
Orientation	1 week
Nutrition refresher	1 week
Vacation	2 weeks
Study weeks*	2 weeks
Practicum	40 weeks –Tuesday to Friday
Academic courses	4 courses – Mondays

- A **minimum** of 6 weeks in a rural placement is required in this program. Students may be responsible for their own travel and accommodations for this placement.
- *Study weeks are not to be used for vacation or travel. Students may be required to attend meetings or make up missed practicum days during this time.

Overview of MAHN Program (3/5)

Week	days	Activity
1	Tues- Fri	Orientation
2	Mon- Fri	Nutrition refresher week
3- 8	Mon Tues-Fri	Course 1 Practicum placement 1
9	Mon Tues-Fri	Course 1 Study week
10-15	Mon Tues-Fri	Course 1 Practicum placement 2
16	Mon-Fri	Group experiential learning week
17-18	Mon-Fri	Vacation
19-24	Mon Tues-Fri	Course 2 Practicum placement 3

Week	days	Activity
25	Mon Tues-Fri	Holiday Study week
26-31	Mon Tues-Fri	Course 2 Practicum placement 4
32	Mon-Fri	Group experiential learning week
33-38	Mon Tues- Fri	Course 3 & 4 Practicum placement 5
39	Mon Tues-Fri	Course 3 & 4 Group learning & study time
40-45	Mon Tues-Fri	Course 3 & 4 Practicum placement 6
46	Mon Tues-Fri	Research presentations Program wrap-up and experiential learning

Overview of MAHN Program 4/5

Practicum structure

- 18 weeks in nutrition care:

- ~6 weeks in long term care or rehabilitation setting

- ~6 weeks in clinical in-patient setting

- ~6 weeks in a primary care setting

(this is an approximation. Breakdown of placements within nutrition care may differ based on placements available).

- 6 weeks in food provision
- 6 weeks in population health promotion
- Final 6 weeks in one of the above areas (based on availability and personal interest).
- 4 weeks of group experiential learning workshops and presentations.

Overview of the MAHN Program 5/5

Academic courses

Fall - HNSC 7730: Emphasis on addressing issues impacting health of indigenous communities.

Winter- HNSC 7740: Emphasis on knowledge related to sustainable food systems

Spring/Summer- HNSC 7750: Emphasis on development of leadership and advocacy skills

HNSC 7760: A practice-based research project relevant to dietetic practice.

Application Process (1/7)

Important dates- 2023

Date	Procedure	Process
March 3	Admissions portal opens	Access through UM Apply
March 6	Applicant Information Session	
March 14	Resume workshop (virtual)	Current students notified by e-mail. Others should check MAHN webpage for updates.
April 10	Admissions portal closes	
April 24	Up to 40 Applicants selected for interview are notified	Notified by e-mail
May 2-3	Applicant interviews take place	Virtual over Microsoft Teams MAHN Program Assistant will notify successful applicants by e-mail.
Mid-May	Applicant offers*	Notified by e-mail
Late-May	If positions remain, second round offers made*	Notified by e-mail
Late-May	Unsuccessful applicants notified*	Notified by e-mail

* Offers of admission cannot be made until MAHN is registered with Equal (Accreditation Canada).

Application process (2/7)

Application Components

- The MAHN application package can be accessed here <https://applygrad.umanitoba.ca/apply/>
- Applications will be blinded before ranking occurs.
- Application packages will be ranked out of a possible 80 points:

Component	total possible points
Academic performance	20 points
Reference reports (x2)	20 points (10 points for each reference)
Resume information (included in application form- separate resumes will not be accepted)	20 points
Statement of intent (included in application form- separate statement of intent will not be accepted)	20 points

Application Process (3/7)

Academic ranking

Up to 10 points for overall GPA in last 60 credit hours.

- Points will be awarded for each GPA range.
- The higher the GPA the higher the points awarded.
- Courses that are in progress at the time of application are not included.

Up to 10 points awarded for grades in all upper-level nutrition courses (3000/4000 level nutrition courses).

- Points will be awarded for each course based on GPA range. The higher the GPA the higher the points awarded.
- The total points will be divided by the number of courses completed.
- Courses that are in progress at the time of application are not included.
- Courses that fall below 3.0 GPA are awarded a score of zero.

Application Process (4/7)

References

- Applicants will provide the names and contact information for their recommendation providers (recommenders) directly on the online application form.
- FGS will send recommendation forms to the recommenders.
- Recommenders must be either:
 - a. **Two** work-related recommenders (either paid or volunteer work), 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. **Or**
 - b. **One** work-related recommender AND **one** academic-related recommender from an individual who has evaluated your work and has the authority to monitor your performance such as a previous/current professor or instructor.

Application Process (5/7)

References continued

It is the applicant's responsibility to:

- Confirm the recommender is willing to provide you with a recommendation.
- Ensure recommenders' contact information is accurate.
- Select recommenders that can judge your performance in most, if not all, of the areas on the *Recommendation online form* (a sample of this form is included in the Admissions manual on the FHNS website).
- Identify and confirm with recommenders well in advance of the application due date.
- Confirm with the recommender that they have received and submitted the recommendation.

Application Process (6/7)

Resume section

Resume (this section is in-place of a traditional resume)

- In this section you will be evaluated on skills that you have gained and demonstrated through work and/or volunteer experience.
- Our program values skills that are transferable to the dietetic profession. We are looking for individuals with experience involving:
 - a) leadership
 - b) initiative/motivation
 - c) interpersonal/team/communication
 - d) nutrition/food: This does not need to be clinical food service experience. Relevant experience encompasses many areas such as food preparation, food service/ provision (such as in a restaurant, institution or other setting), teaching food and nutrition skills, developing food and nutrition resources, working in food systems (food production, or food distribution).

Application Process (7/7)

Statement of Intent

Within the application, you will be asked to describe:

1. Your reasons for choosing dietetics as a profession and your short-term and long-term career goals as a registered dietitian (maximum 350 words).
2. Your commitment to and/or experiences with equity, diversity and inclusion and how this is expected to influence your future role as a dietitian (maximum 250 words).
3. Your personal qualities, experiences and skills developed through work, volunteering and other areas of your life that will contribute to your success in this program (maximum 350 words).

Selection Process- Interviews

- Up to 40 applicants will be selected to participate in multi-mini interview.
- Selection will be based on scoring on application, academic performance and reference reports (total out of 80 points)
- There will also be one written answer assignments (150 word limit)
- Interviews will be ranked out of 20 points.
- Up to top 20 ranked interviewees will receive a letter of offer.

Student onboarding

- Shortly after offers of admissions have been accepted, the successful applicants will be provided with a student onboarding package by the MAHN program assistant.
- **It is imperative that you meet the deadlines indicated on your student onboarding checklist.**
- Some of the items on the onboarding checklist will have a cost associated. You will be responsible for these expenses. These expenses can be found on page 8 of the Admissions Manual.

Accreditation

- Registration with the Equal (Accreditation Canada) needs to be in place before successful applicants are offered enrollment in the MAHN program.

Tuition

- the first-year domestic tuition rate for the program is \$10,410 (\$5,205 for terms 1 and 2), plus a continuing fee every term thereafter until completion; international students will be assessed the domestic rate plus the standard international differential fees.