Overview
Discover how to design and lead effective food and nutrition programs that integrate principles from biomedical sciences, human behavior, and management with our unique, online graduate degree in dietetics. Coursework will develop your research skills, stimulate independent thought, and provide up-to-date knowledge in foods, nutrition, and food service and business management.

Working in the dietetics and nutrition field involves communicating with a wide range of people, from students or clients, to supervisors and subordinates. This online dietetics graduate program provides you with the knowledge, flexibility, and creativity you need to offer individualized answers that fit each situation and client. If you enjoy working with people, using deductive reasoning, and consider yourself sensitive to others’ needs, this Master of Science in dietetics could be the program for you.

As an inter-institutional graduate program offered through the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (Great Plains IDEA), this degree offers access to expert faculty at eight universities. Simply apply, be accepted, and register for classes at a home institution, but enjoy the opportunity to take online classes offered by any of the partner schools.

Credentialed (Registered Dietitians) professionals are able to use this dietetics degree to:
• Advance their level of practice
• Retool for new career opportunities
• Pursue doctoral study with enhanced knowledge in a specific area of dietetics practice

Learning Experience
The Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (IDEA) is a partnership of 20 public university members providing access to the best educational opportunities by collaboratively developing and delivering high-quality, online academic programs. The dietetics program is a collaboration of eight of the member universities.

All courses are delivered online. Students will utilize learning management systems (LMSes) at each partner institution. Each campus coordinator will facilitate access to the LMS at the teaching institution prior to the first day of class. The courses are a semester long with courses offered Fall, Spring, and Summer.
How to Apply
Master of Science (M.S.) in Food Science and Nutrition

Application Deadline
Fall semester: February 1

1 Review Admission Requirements
The Master of Science (M.S.) in Food Science and Nutrition requires applicants to have the following:
☐ Hold the credential of Registered Dietitian (RD). Learn more about becoming a registered dietitian.
☐ A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution
☐ A 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or international equivalent) on all undergraduate coursework
☐ GRE scores are not required

Admission to Colorado State University graduate programs is based on a number of factors, including prior academic and professional experience and the personal statement. Before your application for graduate study is considered, all application materials must be received by the department.

2 Prepare Application Materials
Prepare the materials below and upload when you apply online.
☐ Three letters of recommendation
Three professional recommendations are required. We recommend letters come from faculty, supervisors, etc. who can accurately speak to your skills. You will provide information about your recommenders in the online application. CSU will contact them with instructions and a link to a secure form they will submit on your behalf.

☐ Resume
Include all professional and non-professional work experience with dates.

☐ Statement of purpose
Include in your statement:
• Summary of long-term professional or personal goals
• Statement regarding your educational goals
• Statement indicating how this education will contribute to your long-term goals
• List of factors that led you to consider Colorado State for graduate study

3 Complete Online Application
Complete the online graduate application form and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. You do not need to wait for recommendations or transcripts to move your application forward.
• Select “Food Science & Nutrition MS – Great Plains Interactive Distance Alliance” when choosing the program of study.

4 Request Transcripts
• Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.
How to Apply (Continued)

- Send e-transcripts to: gradadmissions@colostate.edu
- Send paper copies to:
  Graduate Admissions
  Colorado State University – Office of Admissions
  1062 Campus Delivery
  Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

Check Your Application Status
- View your application status at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates.
- Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and promptly notify you of their decision.

International Applicants Only
Include the following items in addition to those listed above:

☐ **Official transcript translation**
  Ensure official copies include a certified translation into English (only one set of transcripts is required).

☐ **Official TOEFL scores**
  Submit official TOEFL scores through the Educational Testing Service (select institution code: 4075). In general, all applicants from countries in which English is not the official language, and who do not have an undergraduate degree from a country in which the official language is English (Canada, U.K., Australia, USA, New Zealand, etc.), must submit TOEFL scores. The minimum score for applicants is 80 on the internet-based test (550 on the paper-based test or 6.5 on the IELTS).

Questions? Contact a Student Success Coach for help with your application. Call (970) 492-4898.