Overview

CSU’s online certificate in food and nutrition provides you with advanced knowledge of current trends in nutrition science with further exploration into nutrient metabolism, obesity, chronic disease prevention, and other topics related to food and health.

As a student in the online graduate nutrition program, you will gain a solid foundation in nutrition science, with a focus on health promotion and chronic disease prevention. Learn to:

- Find and evaluate credible information relating nutrition and health.
- Analyze academic literature, particularly in controversial areas of nutrition.
- Use evidence-based nutrition strategies.

This certificate is geared toward individuals who currently have a bachelor’s degree in a life sciences discipline and have a professional or personal interest in nutrition and chronic disease prevention. Health professionals such as physicians, nurses, dentists, physical therapists, exercise physiologists, and health educators, with frequent exposure to nutrition-related problems in clinical practice, have opportunities to provide sound nutrition information aimed at disease prevention.

It is important to note this certificate is not meant to prepare individuals to engage in medical nutrition therapy or treatment. If you’re interested in using nutrition as therapy and are a registered dietitian, explore the online master’s in dietetics program.

Curriculum

- **FSHN 530** – Principles of Nutrition Science and Metabolism (3 cr.)
- **FSHN 531** – Diet, Nutrition and Chronic Disease (3 cr.)
- **FSHN 532** – Emerging Issues in Nutrition (3 cr.)

It is possible for these online nutrition courses to count as Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for healthcare professionals, but it’s up to the student to investigate whether courses meet the necessary requirements and complete any necessary paperwork.

Please note, this certificate does NOT count toward requirements to earn the Registered Dietitian credential. Students need to take an ACEND-accredited B.S or M.S, like the programs offered at CSU.

Delivery

Online

Credits

9 credits

Tuition

$627 per credit
- Includes [Student Services](#)
- [Fees](#) assessed separately
- Financial aid is not currently available

Time frame

Can be completed in 3 semesters

More info

[online.colostate.edu/certificates/nutrition-sciences](#)

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[Online Master’s in Dietetics Program](#)
How to Apply
Nutrition Sciences

Application Deadline
Fall semester: July 31  
Spring semester: December 15  
Summer Semester: April 25

1 Review Admission Requirements
The online Graduate Certificate in Nutrition Sciences requires that students have a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution.

2 Complete Online Application
Complete the online graduate application 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.

• Choose “Nutrition Sciences (Certificate) – Distance” when choosing the Program of Study. (Note: You must first select “Certificate” at the top.)

3 Request Transcripts
Request one official transcript from the institution where you earned your bachelor’s degree. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.

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 notify you of their decision.

International Students
See website for test score and transcript requirements.