

Application Process

The application for the Master of Science degree in Nutrition is submitted online to East Carolina University's Graduate School.

1. The link for specific instructions on how to complete the general Graduate School Application: <http://www.ecu.edu/gradschool/>
2. Reference letters will be submitted through <https://onestop.ecu.edu/gaReferenceManagement/>
3. Link to the Supplemental Application: https://ecu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_eURrBZZ0EaE5N4g

A completed application includes:

- Online graduate application
- GRE Scores
- Official transcripts from all schools, colleges, or universities attended,
- Supplemental Application (includes Goal Statement and Prerequisite Course Completion Information; see below for instructions on this component)
- Two references letters (available on-line through the Graduate School),

Supplemental Application Components

In addition to the online Graduate School application, an applicant must submit a *Goal Statement* and the *Prerequisite Course Description*. Immediately below is a description of both and how to submit these components.

Goal Statement. As part of the application package, applicants need to complete several short questions referred collectively as the *Goal Statement*. These questions assist the Admission's Committee in determining if the applicant is a good fit for our program. A word limit has been established for each question and spelling and grammar will be considered. The following are the questions that you will be asked:

1. Express your reasons for pursuing a graduate degree in nutrition science (250 words Maximum)
2. Explain why you believe East Carolina University's MS in Nutrition Science program is the right program for you (150 words Maximum).

3. Describe your greatest achievement in scholarship, leadership, and/or service (250 words Maximum).
4. Reflect on your personal strengths and weaknesses (250 words Maximum).
5. Research is a component of our program. Describe what you believe can be your contribution in the program (150 words Maximum).

Pre-requisite Course Completion Information. Listed below are the East Carolina University course equivalents that you are required to complete before you apply to our program. The Supplemental Application will list each of the following these courses and you will provide the name of the university where you completed the equivalent of this course, the semester that you completed the course, and the year that you took the course. If you did not complete the course at ECU, then you will also be required to provide the Course number, Course name, and course description for each. The course descriptions will be used to determine if the prerequisite meets the standards for the needed course content. It is the applicant's responsibility to assure that the content of non-ECU courses is equivalent to those listed below. The most competitive candidates will have a grade of B or better on each prerequisite. If you have any questions about prerequisites, contact Mrs. Fletcher, MS in Nutrition Undergraduate Advisor (fletcherja@ecu.edu)

Prerequisites are listed below with ECU course number in parentheses.

- General Biology, 3 credit hours (BIOL 1050)
- Human Physiology and Anatomy, 4 credit hours (BIOL 2130)
- Human Physiology and Anatomy Lab, 1 credit hour (BIOL 2131)
- General Chemistry, 3 credit hours (CHEM 1160)
- General Chemistry Lab, 1 credit hour (CHEM 1161)
- Organic Chemistry for Life Sciences, 4 credit hours (CHEM 2650)
- Organic Chemistry Lab for Life Sciences, 1 credit hour (CHEM 2651)
- College Algebra OR Statistics, 3 credit hours (MATH 1065, 2228, 2283 or BIOS 1500 or PSYC 2101)

- Introductory Nutrition course, 3 credit hours (NUTR 2105)
- Vitamins and Minerals course, 3 credit hours (NUTR 3104)
- Nutritional Biochemistry course, 3 credit hours (NUTR 3105)
- Nutrition in the Lifecycle course, 4 credit hours (NUTR 3311)

To electronically complete the supplemental application, please click **HERE**:

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References

The Department of Nutrition Science requires 2 letters of reference. These should be from someone who knows you as an employee and/or someone who can speak to your accomplishments. Frequently, one is from an employer and a second one is from an undergraduate advisor or professor. Letters of recommendation are submitted electronically through the Graduate School online application process. The Graduate School provides you a link for electronic submission of references once you have a paid application submitted.

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