

# UAMS COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DIETETICS PROGRAM

## Why our program?

- The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program is no longer accepting applicants. It has been replaced by the Combined Master of Science and Dietetic Internship (MS/DI) program.
- During the Fall and Spring practicum semesters, UAMS and CAVHS offer stipends to all fourteen students regardless of their state of residency. The VA Stipend is offered to US citizens only.
- Fifty year history of supervised practice experiences jointly sponsored by University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (CAVHS) Arkansas' only accredited MS/DI program based at an academic medical institution Full time, 15-month program with a concentration in Medical Nutrition Therapy and Management
- Rotation Sites are coordinated by program faculty, students are not asked to identify rotation sites
- Affiliation Agreements with UAMS Hospital, CAVHS Hospital, Arkansas Children's Hospital, Arkansas Department of Health, Baptist Medical Center, CHI St. Vincent Infirmiry, and others.
- Vast network of >100 Preceptors
- Supervised practice experiences provided meet the core competencies for Registered Dietitian Nutritionists established by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)
- Successful completion of the MS/DI fulfills supervised practice requirements and allows graduates to sit for the national Registration Exam for RDN's administered through CDR.
- During two practicum semesters, UAMS and CAVHS offer stipends to all fourteen students regardless of their state of residency. The VA Stipend is offered to US citizens only.



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### **Admission Requirements**

The following are the minimum admission requirements and do not guarantee acceptance into the program:

- Bachelor's degree from accredited university
- Verification Statement from an ACEND-accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics
- Total Grade Point Average (GPA)  $\geq 2.85$
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores

As admission to the MS/DI program is competitive, GRE scores are included in application review process, with preference given to applicants who have earned an overall GPA  $\geq 3.0$ , math/science GPA  $\geq 2.5$ , and those who have work or volunteer experience in a healthcare setting.

**The mission of the Master of Science in Dietetics program** is to meet the needs of entry-level, Registered Dietitian Nutritionists in Arkansas and in VA Healthcare Systems serving the nation's Veterans.