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# Earn your Doctorate in Clinical Nutrition at the University of North Florida

The online Doctorate in Clinical Nutrition is an advanced-practice doctoral program with emphasis on evidence-based practice and chronic disease prevention and treatment in underserved populations in both clinical and community settings. The DCN will prepare practitioners for leadership roles in clinical and community or higher education settings through coursework, advanced practice residency and applied outcomes-based research.

# Doctorate in Clinical Nutrition

## Admission Requirements

### UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

Successful applicants possess the RDN with a minimum of five years practice experience and a master's degree. Applicants without a master's degree, may apply to and complete the UNF master's program prior to entering the DCN program.

Applicants will submit an application letter, three letters of recommendation and official transcripts from all college and/or university coursework with final degree posted. Foreign degrees/transcripts need to have an official evaluation.

See website for additional program requirements.

### Nutrition Core Courses (15 credits)

HUN 7803 Advanced Topics in Nutrition Science (3 credits)  
HUN 7219 Advanced Concepts in Clinical Nutrition (3 credits)  
HUN 7518 Advanced Concepts in Public Nutrition (3 credits)  
HUN 7525 Advanced Nutrition Leadership and Public Policy (3 credits)  
HUN 7625 Advanced Nutrition Counseling (3 credits) **OR**  
HUN 7638 Teaching Nutrition in Higher Education (3 credits)

### Research Core Courses (9 credits)

HUN 7831 Research Methods and Grants (3 credits)  
NGR 7843 Statistical Interpretation for Advanced Practice (3 credits)  
HUN 7805 Adv. Concepts in Nutritional Epidemiology (3 credits) **OR**  
HUN 7808 Qualitative Research Methods in Nutrition (3 credits)

### Elective Courses (9 credits)

HUN 7548 Nutrition and Global Health (3 credits)  
HUN 7820 Advanced Concepts in Nutrition and Wellness (3 credits)  
HUN 7788 Nutritional Genomics (3 credits)  
DIE 6906 Independent Study (3 credits)  
HUN 7990 Special Topics in Advanced Nutrition (3 credits)

NGR 5172 Pharmacotherapeutics (F2F)\* (3 credits)  
PHC 6103 Essentials of Public Health (F2F)\* (3 credits)  
NGR 7871 Health Informatics for Advanced Practice (F2F)\* (3 credits)

### Advanced-Practice Residency (6 credits)

HUN 7943 Advanced Practice Residency (6 credits)

### DCN Research Project (15 credits)

HUN 7981 Pre-Doctoral Project (3 credits)  
HUN 7985 Doctoral Project (9 credits)  
HUN 7939 Doctoral Seminar in Nutrition (3 credits)

## Graduation Requirements

### UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates will successfully complete all required program of study courses with a grade of "B" or better, the Advanced Practice Residency and the dissertation project.

When all the required coursework is successfully completed, the candidate will successfully defend an Advanced Practice Residency outcomes study, which may have a clinical, community/public health or other nutrition-related focus.

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For more information, visit the program website below or contact the program directors.

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