

Frequently Asked Questions

The CP is a second admission program, meaning that an interested student is an EMU student prior to applying for the CP. MS-intent students should apply to be admitted to EMU as a non-degree seeking student. Students cannot be admitted to the EMU Graduate School with Dietetics as their major unless they have been admitted to the CP through the CP specific application process. If admitted to the CP, students will then apply to the EMU Graduate School. Please be aware that the EMU CP is not a dietetic internship, nor is the CP affiliated with any dietetic internship.

Are all of the prerequisite courses online?

Not all prerequisites are available online through EMU. Students may take prerequisites not offered online through EMU at an approved college or university. Suggestions for preapproved online options are available via link on our Catalog page: as well as the Previously Reviewed Pre-Application/Pre-Admission Courses for EMU Dietetics Program

Will the classes I have taken at other colleges and universities count towards the prerequisites?

Students should apply to EMU for a transcript review of previous coursework.

What is a Coordinated Program?

In a Coordinated Program, students complete Supervised Practice Experience hours concurrently with the didactic classes (theory) portion of the program. The CP length is two and a half years. This differs from a didactic program, where students seek a dietetic internship after earning a degree.

What is a preceptor?

A preceptor is an RD/RDN or other related professional who works with you to fulfill the objectives needed to obtain a verification statement upon graduation from the Coordinated Program. Preceptors supervise you in the field, in their places of work, to assist in the completion of SPE hours. The Clinical Coordinator assigns on-campus students to preceptors. Distance-online students secure their own preceptors.

Can I work full time while I'm in the Coordinated Program?

The CP is a full-time commitment. You will carry a full course load, in addition to SPE hours. We do not recommend working full-time during the Program. The CP is available online, however **one cannot complete it only in the evenings and on weekends.**

When are CP applications due?

The Program Co-Director must receive all parts of the application by mid-January ~ see current Dietetics Program application deadline on EMU Dietetics Catalog website. Program co-Director will send letters of decision regarding acceptance by April 1 for a Summer Program start.

How many students are accepted each year?

There are 18 on-campus and 20 - 30 distance-online available openings each year. If an applicant is not accepted, the applicant may reapply the following year.

My first degree is in something other than dietetics, can I apply to the master's program?

Anyone with a bachelor's degree who has met the application requirements is eligible to apply for the M.S. in Dietetics Coordinated Program. Those with a bachelor's degree in something other than dietetics

are also eligible to apply to the second bachelor's degree. The prerequisites are sufficient preparation for the CP curriculum.

Additional Information

- Program outcomes data are available upon request.
- Current EMU Student Handbook emich.edu/studenthandbook/

The Eastern Michigan University Student Handbook contains information for students about available university services, university policies and procedures, and helpful information to aid in student success. Pay close attention to the policies and procedures included in this guide. Some titles and positions may have changed, but the policies remain and will be enforced accordingly. Read full advisory note: emich.edu/studenthandbook/introduction/advisory-note.php

- Program Student Handbook available on the Dietetics website:
emich.edu/chhs/hs/programs/dietetics_nutrition.php
- Faculty – link on the left side of the site emich.edu/chhs/hs/programs/dietetics_nutrition.php
- Eagle Nutrition Services emich.edu/chhs/hs/ons/
- College of Health and Human Services General Website emich.edu/chhs/

Portfolio-assisted Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)

Portfolio-assisted Prior Learning Assessment is available through participating academic departments when CLEP and Credit by Examination are not appropriate for assessing a student's previous learning. Credit may be awarded for general education or for courses in majors, minors or concentrations. Departments or schools may choose to participate on a case-by-case basis or may designate selected courses available via PLA. For additional information please see [Inquiry Packet](#), [Sample Portfolio](#), or contact Dr. Doris Fields, Director of Undergraduate Studies at 734.487.7696 or dfields1@emich.edu.

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State Authorization and the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)

As distance education has become more popular, the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) has been established. This agreement has placed limitations on students enrolling in a distance-learning program in another state.

The state of Michigan is participating in SARA and Eastern Michigan University (EMU) is a member of SARA.

*******IMPORTANT INFORMATION*******

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO PURSUE AN ONLINE DEGREE THROUGH EMU? Visit this link for the answer:
emich.edu/extended/online/state-authorization.php

For more information about SARA please visit this website: <http://nc-sara.org/>