The UW–Madison Department of Nutritional Sciences offers a 12-credit online certificate program for professionals to build on knowledge and skills obtained in undergraduate studies and working experiences. It is designed to expand knowledge and give new experiences in areas such as critical care, nutrition support, complex nutritional assessment, nutrition counseling, advanced pediatrics, and clinical nutrition research. The 12-credit program can be completed in one year and consists of four 3-credit courses. Applicants must possess a bachelor’s degree and may be admitted any term—fall, spring, or summer.

Further detail, including tuition and costs, is provided at the program’s website (http://nutrisci.wisc.edu/graduate/online-capstone-certificate-in-clinical-nutrition).

**HOW TO GET IN**

**ADMISSION**

Applications are accepted all terms—fall, spring, and summer. Applicants must possess the following:

- Earned bachelor’s degree or equivalent
- Minimum cumulative GPA ≥ 3.0 (on 4.0 scale)
- Completed Didactic Program in Dietetics or the following prerequisite courses:
  - General chemistry
  - 2 courses in biological sciences
  - 1 course in each of the following: organic chemistry, biochemistry, physiology, statistics
  - 2 courses in nutrition (human nutrition, clinical nutrition)

**Note:** Applicants who do not have the prerequisites may apply to UW–Madison as a University Special student (http://guide.wisc.edu/nondegree/post-baccalaureate-course) to complete them, prior to applying for capstone certificate admission.

**Application steps**

Adult Career and Special Student Services (ACCSSS) is the admitting office for all University Special students. However, the Department of Nutritional Sciences makes the final admission decision upon review of all applicant materials.

A complete application includes the following information:

1. An online application for admission (http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/advising/apply.htm) as a University Special student, selecting UNCS Capstone Certificate and the program: Clinical Nutrition. This application is received and processed by ACCSSS with final decision held for approval from the Clinical Nutrition Capstone Certificate coordinator.
2. Submit the following materials to Makayla Schuchardt, program manager of the Clinical Nutrition Capstone Program (http://nutrisci.wisc.edu/graduate/online-capstone-certificate-in-clinical-nutrition):
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended

4. Brief essay describing your reasons for applying and your career goals
5. Resume or curriculum vitae

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**ENROLLMENT**

Admitted students receive a formal letter of admission to UW–Madison from Adult Career and Special Student Services along with general enrollment information.

The director of the Capstone Certificate in Clinical Nutrition, Department of Nutritional Sciences, will send an email to admitted students with specific information pertaining to enrollment in courses and completion of the capstone program.

Additional detail is provided on the ACSSS enrollment page (http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/advising/enroll-special.htm).

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Must have a minimum GPA of 2.000
- Courses must have a grade of C or better to be accepted

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**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Apply concepts of advanced-level nutrition skills to provide patient care and counseling
2. Synthesize the latest research in clinical nutrition
3. Demonstrate an capability to complete graduate-level work