College of Health Sciences
Graduate Programs
DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCES

GRADUATE PROGRAMS
Why URI? Ideal Size — Ideal Location

Large enough to provide the resources of a major research center and small enough to offer everyone a strong sense of community!

- 14,726 undergraduates
- 1,998 graduate students
- 66 nations and 43 US states and territories represented
- 55% RI residents, 45% out-of-state or international

- 10 minutes to RI beaches
- 20 minutes to historic Newport
- 35 minutes to Providence
- 90 minutes to Boston
- 2.5 hours to New York City
NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCES (NFS) GRAD PROGRAMS AT URI

- Develop greater expertise in a given area of a given field
- Prepare for specific jobs
- RD credential will soon require MS (2024)
- Enhance your career
- Competitiveness in job market
# GRAD SCHOOL: WHAT’S IN STORE?

- Small classes
- Research experiences
- Special projects
- Writing

## How Long?
- **MS:** ~2 years full time
- **MSDI:** ~2 years full time
  - 1 year didactic
  - 1 year rotations
- **PhD:** ~3 years full time

## How Much?
- **MS/ DI & MS** – tuition-based
- **MS, PhD** – funding opportunities (teaching and research assistantships)
Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences

- Master of Science (MS)
  - Dietetic Internship (MS/DI)
  - Dietetics (MS)
  - Nutrition Science (MS)

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
  - Nutrition Science/ Health Sciences

**GRADUATE PROGRAM OFFERINGS**

- MS and PhD degrees specializing in Nutrition
- An accredited dietetic internship program
- An accelerated BS to MS program
- Seven research labs
- The department has highly successful outreach programs in both Nutrition and Food Safety

**Benefits of MS/PhD Program:**
- Allow more time for professional development
- Work more closely with faculty
- Greater chance for funding
STUDENTS IN ACTION ACROSS OUR PROGRAMS
HOW TO MS/DI:

1. Review NFS Graduate Program Offerings

2. If you are interested in a 100% online MS in Dietetics Degree
   1. Proceed to our website for information on admission, curriculum, tuition, etc

3. If you are interested in a combination MS/DI program
   1. Proceed to our website for more information

2. Check out our Virtual Open House Recording

3. Program offers research options

Visit our website!
https://web.uri.edu/nfs/academics/
The University of Rhode Island
MS in Dietetics Program Online

About the Program

The MS in Dietetics Program is a 100% online non-thesis degree program.

- **11 courses**
  - 4 Clinical
  - 4 Research
  - 1 Community
  - 2 Management

Courses are completed over seven, 7-week sessions.

- all faculty have **graduate degrees**
- are **Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs)**

Program duration = **14 months**

Enrollment

- **Completion rate**
  - Graduated 132/133* students
  - *maternity leave of absence
  - **99%**

- **2015**
- **2016**
- **2017**
- **2018**
- **2019**
- **2020**

Program Satisfaction

- **98%** would recommend the program to future students
- **91%** said it prepared them for their job

Employment

- **73%** employed as RDNs at program completion
- **98%** employed as RDNs 1 year after program completion

RDN Track – Fall 2018

Sodexo Clinical RDNs and Clinical Nutrition Managers

RDNs will create an individualized learning plan (ILE) in the first course, allowing them to replace a unit in two of the courses with a project of their choice.
MS & DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

Dr. Geoff Greene, Director of Dietetic Internship

Link to Virtual Open House:
https://myvideo.uri.edu/Mediasite/Play/057b09660ec3461caf9fbd852d659af41d?playFrom=92614&autoStart=true
HOW TO MS/PHD:

1. Review NFS Graduate Program Offerings
2. Review NFS Graduate Faculty with Research Labs who are doing work you are interested in
3. Reach out to the professor to see if they are:
   1. Available to meet with you to discuss their research
   2. Have projects that you would be interested in / discuss your interests
   3. Accepting students – state what semester you would like to start
   4. Have funding (Research or Teaching)

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URI NUTRITION RESEARCH LABS

- Big Data and Eating Disorders (BYTE) Lab
- Eating Behavior Lab
- Energy Balance Lab
- Healthy Eating, Healthy Feeding Lab
- Lipid Metabolism Lab
- Nutrition and Pregnancy Lab
- Nutrition and Physical Activity Promotion in Underserved Communities Research Group
- Rhode Island Public Education in Nutrition (RIPEN) Group
HOW TO LEARN ABOUT OUR RESEARCH LABS

https://web.uri.edu/nfs/research-outreach/
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APPLICATION PROCESS

- Check Graduate School Program of Interest:
  - University Level
  - Department or Program Level
  - Potential Mentor

- Transcripts
- Personal Statement
- 2-4 Letters of Recommendation

Dr. Kathleen Melanson,
Graduate Program Director
URI Grad School Website

https://web.uri.edu/graduate-school/

Resources in the Application Process

The Faculty member you are interested in working with

URI NFS Website

https://web.uri.edu/nfs/
THANK YOU FOR INTEREST IN OUR PROGRAMS!

QUESTIONS?

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