

Who is the target audience for this certificate?

This certificate is intended for any health professional or individual with an interest in nutrition science, and/or how nutrition relates to health promotion and chronic disease prevention.

What are the prerequisites?

Those with a B.S. or advanced degree in a life science field should be prepared to start the certificate. Examples: biology, chemistry, exercise science or kinesiology, nursing, etc.

The specific prerequisites for the first course are [BMS 300](#) (Principles of Human Physiology) or [CHEM 245](#) (Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry) or LIFE 102 (Attributes of Living Systems).

If you are unsure, please email Michelle Milholland at: michelle.milholland@colostate.edu.

Are the courses fully online?

Yes. All discussions, lectures, and supplementary material are available online within Canvas or on CSU e-Reserves. For the courses that utilize a textbook, you may purchase a hard copy or utilize an eText.

Are students required to be online at specific times?

No. All courses are completely asynchronous, meaning you can complete the work at any time of the day or night you wish.

Are the courses self-paced?

No. You may choose which days/times to be active in the course, but there will be weekly discussions to engage in, and assignment deadlines throughout each course.

Are students required to take the courses in numerical order?

No. FSHN 530 is the prerequisite for the other courses. Once FSHN 530 is complete, the other courses can be taken in any order.

Can students still earn the certificate if they have previously completed an equivalent to FSHN 530?

Not at this time. They are welcome to take FSHN 531 and/or FSHN 532, but 9 credits are needed to earn a graduate certificate.

How long will it take to complete the certificate?

That depends when a student starts. If FSHN 530 is taken during summer session, the certificate can be completed in one year. Otherwise, it will take 3 semesters (e.g. Fall-Spring-Fall or Spring-Fall-Spring).

How much time do these courses require?

Each class is 3 credits, so a general estimate is 9-12 hours of work per week. Actual time could be more or less, depending on the student.

What is the cost of the certificate?

For the 2018-2019 school year, the cost is \$1881 per class, or \$5643 for the certificate.

Are costs the same for international students?

Yes. All students pay the same fees, regardless of their state or country of residence.

Does this certificate count towards a Food Science & Human Nutrition master's degree?

No. However, the first certificate course (FSHN 530) can be taken in lieu of the FSHN 350 prerequisite for the graduate program.

Does this certificate meet the requirements to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist?

No. To become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, students must complete an ACEND-accredited program at the B.S. or M.S. level, and then a dietetic internship.

To learn more about CSU's graduate and undergraduate programs in nutrition, visit our website here: [Nutrition Programs](#)

For answers to FAQs about switching to a career in dietetics, and for a comprehensive list of ACEND-accredited programs, click here: [RDN FAQs](#)