

Combined Applied Food and Nutrition and Clinical Dietetics Program Podcast

Hello, my name is Maggie and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about GVSU's Applied Food and Nutrition and Clinical Dietetics combined degree program. A combined degree program allows students to complete their bachelor's and master's degree in as few as 5 years, thus saving both time and money compared to completing both degrees separately. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

Let's start by explaining to you what this program entails. GVSU undergraduate students pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Applied Food and Nutrition may pursue a Master of Science in Clinical Dietetics at Grand Valley through this combined degree program. In the program, students will have the opportunity to enhance their skillset and refine their career goals. As I mentioned, students in Grand Valley's combined degree programs are able to complete both degrees in as few as 5 years, while a traditional pathway would require 6 or more years to complete both a Bachelor's and Master's degree.

The field of dietetics is highly competitive and a postgraduate degree gives students an edge in securing professional employment. In fact, the profession of dietetics is moving toward the requirement of an entry level master's degree in order to be eligible for credentialing as a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist beginning in 2024. Additionally, the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates employment opportunities are expected to increase 8% from 2019 to 2029.

Standard GVSU admission requirements include completion of the online application as well as a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Your application must include official transcripts, and if English is not your native language, you must provide scores from one of our approved standardized tests such as the TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or the PTE Academic. There is a \$30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended GVSU previously or are currently attending GVSU.

Additional requirements specific to the Master of Science in Clinical Dietetics program include an overall grade point average of 3.0, a personal statement with an explanation of how this program will assist you in achieving your personal goals, two letters of recommendation, and a personal interview.

More program details, as well as the online application can be found on the Master of Science in Clinical Dietetics website, www.gvsu.edu/grad/clinicaldiet.

The great news about GVSU's graduate programs is that tuition rates for Michigan resident and non-resident students are the same. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be found at www.gvsu.edu/financialaid or by calling 616-331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu.

This is just a snapshot of the Master of Science in Clinical Dietetics combined degree program at Grand Valley State University. We hope that you will consider applying to a graduate program at GVSU. Any questions can be directed to the Graduate Program Director, Jennifer Ford, at fordjenn@gvsu.edu or to The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu. Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.