

# Summary of Graduate Curriculum Changes

Ouachita Baptist University

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The faculty approved these graduate curriculum changes at a faculty meeting on October 19, 2021.

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The **short form** notation indicates informational level curriculum revisions submitted on the Graduate Council's curriculum short form, which addresses course title changes, course time offering changes, and non-substantive changes to course content and/or descriptions. These short form revisions will NOT be brought to the faculty for discussion or a vote, unless questions are raised before the faculty meeting.

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## Curriculum & Instruction

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<b>Graduate Certificate in Curriculum and Instruction</b>	<p><b>Proposed Change</b></p> <p>Add an optional 12-hour, four-course Graduate Certificate in Curriculum and Instruction that utilizes existing courses from the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction.</p> <p><b>Rationale</b></p> <p>The Education Department believes a Graduate Certificate in Curriculum and Instruction would benefit current teachers and education undergraduate students as well as increase enrollment in the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction program. To create awareness of both programs, the department will host Called to Teach, a summer conference for educators. Several of the conference break-out sessions will share information from the department's EDCI 5313 Teaching as a Calling course. As a result, we anticipate that some conference participants may be interested in enrolling in EDCI 5313. Because teaching as ministry is a distinguishing feature of our program, EDCI 5313 is one of the four courses in the proposed graduate certificate program.</p> <p>Therefore, we would like to provide an option for teachers who are interested in this facet of our program but may not be interested in a master's degree or may already have a graduate degree. Our hope is that graduate certificate students without a graduate degree will ultimately enroll in our master's degree program.</p>

The needs assessment data conducted as part of the planning for the master's degree program revealed that current undergraduate students would like to enroll in master's level courses as their schedules permit. Because undergraduate students may complete six hours of the Graduate Certificate in Curriculum and Instruction for graduate credit, this may be an incentive for them to complete the certificate program and possibly the master's degree.

Empowering our graduates to enter the job market with both a bachelor's degree and either a graduate certificate or master's degree would further distinguish them from other applicants.

### **Catalog Entry**

#### **Admissions Requirements for the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction:**

1. Meet general university graduate admissions requirements
2. A minimum GPA of 2.750 on a 4.000 scale\*

\*Conditional admission is considered for applicants who meet all other admissions requirements and have a GPA below 2.750 but not lower than 2.500.

The Graduate Certificate Program in Curriculum and Instruction is a subset of the Master's Degree with the goal of providing educators with an overview of curriculum development and enhancing their skills with classroom management, student engagement, instructional practice, and technology along with a deeper appreciation for teaching as ministry. A Graduate Certificate in Curriculum and Instruction includes the following courses: EDCI 5113, 5313, 5413, and 5523.

A Master of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction includes the following courses: EDCI 5113, 5313, 5413, 5523, 6123, 6223, 6323, 6423, 6513.

## Nutrition

<p><b>Dietetic Internship Hours Transfer Policy for M.S. in Nutrition</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed Change</b>          Allow students who have successfully completed an ACEND accredited Dietetic Internship at another institution and passed the Commission on Dietetic Registration Exam to transfer in up to 18 hours from their Dietetic Internship into Ouachita’s Master of Science in Nutrition program.</p> <p><b>Rationale</b>          The Ouachita Dietetic Internship provides students with the first 18 hours of graduate credit toward the Master of Science in Nutrition. Students applying to the Ouachita Master of Science in Nutrition program who have successfully completed a Dietetic Internship and passed the Commission on Dietetic Registration Exam should receive up to 18 hours of graduate credit in the Ouachita Dietetic Internship toward their requirements for the Master of Science in Nutrition.</p> <p><b>Catalog Entry</b></p> <p>Effective January 1, 2024, the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) will require a minimum of a master’s degree to be eligible to take the credentialing exam to become a registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN). In addition, CDR requires individuals to complete coursework and supervised practice in program(s) accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). In most states, graduates also must obtain licensure or certification to practice.</p> <p>Students applying to the Master of Science in Nutrition program and who have successfully completed an ACEND accredited Dietetic Internship and passed the Commission on Dietetic Registration Exam within the last five years may receive up to 18 hours of graduate credit toward the 36 hours of credit required for the degree, subject to approval by the program director.</p>
<p><b>Removal of GRE Score from Admission Requirements for Dietetic Internship and M.S. in Nutrition</b></p> <p><b>Short Form</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed Change</b>          Remove the GRE test score from the admissions requirements for the Dietetic Internship and Master of Science in Nutrition.</p> <p><b>Rationale</b>          The department no longer considers the GRE a relevant entrance requirement for the Dietetic Internship and Master of Science in Nutrition.</p>

**Catalog Entries****Admissions Requirements for the Dietetic Internship:**

- Baccalaureate degree in nutrition or related field from an accredited university. All official transcripts must be provided.
- Verification Statement from an ACEND-accredited Nutrition and Dietetics Didactic Program (DPD) or Foreign Dietitian Education program (FDE) obtained from the DPD director within the last five years. If the verification statement is greater than five years old, the student will be required to take a minimum of three hours of course credit in Clinical Dietetics and three hours of course credit in Administrative Dietetics.
- Minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of  $\geq 2.7$  on a 4.0 scale
- Minimum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale of all nutrition and dietetic courses
- Minimum of  $\geq 2.5$  on a 4.0 scale in all science courses
- Achieved a minimum 3.00 GPA on any graduate course work previously taken at another accredited institution.
- Three letters of recommendation discussing the individual's potential for success in graduate study.
- International applicants or American citizens who learned English as a second language must score at least 550 (paper) or 79 (Internet) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language or at least 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System

**Admissions Requirements for the M.S. in Nutrition:**

- Baccalaureate degree in nutrition or related field from an accredited university. All official transcripts must be provided.
- Verification Statement from an ACEND-accredited Nutrition and Dietetics Didactic Program (DPD) or Foreign Dietitian Education program (FDE) obtained from the DPD director within the last five years. If the verification statement is greater than five years old, the student will be required to take a minimum of three hours of course credit in Clinical Dietetics and three hours of course credit in Administrative Dietetics.
- Minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of  $\geq 2.7$  on a 4.0 scale
- Minimum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale of all nutrition and dietetic courses
- Minimum of  $\geq 2.5$  on a 4.0 scale in all science courses
- Achieved a minimum 3.00 GPA on any graduate course work previously taken at another accredited institution.
- Three letters of recommendation discussing the individual's potential for success in graduate study.
- Applicants successfully completing an ACEND accredited Dietetic Internship and passing the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) Exam within the last five years may receive up to 18 hours of graduate credit toward the 36 hours of credit required for the degree, subject to approval by the program director. Provide current CDR ID card as proof of completion.
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