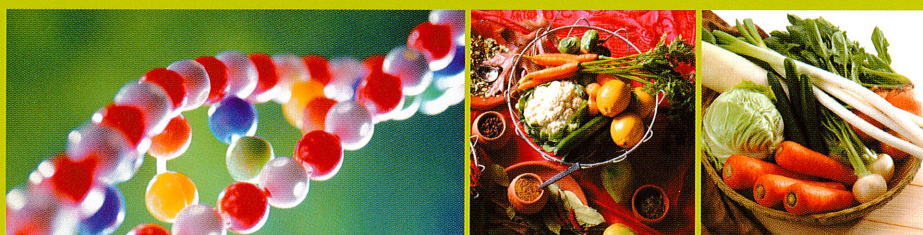




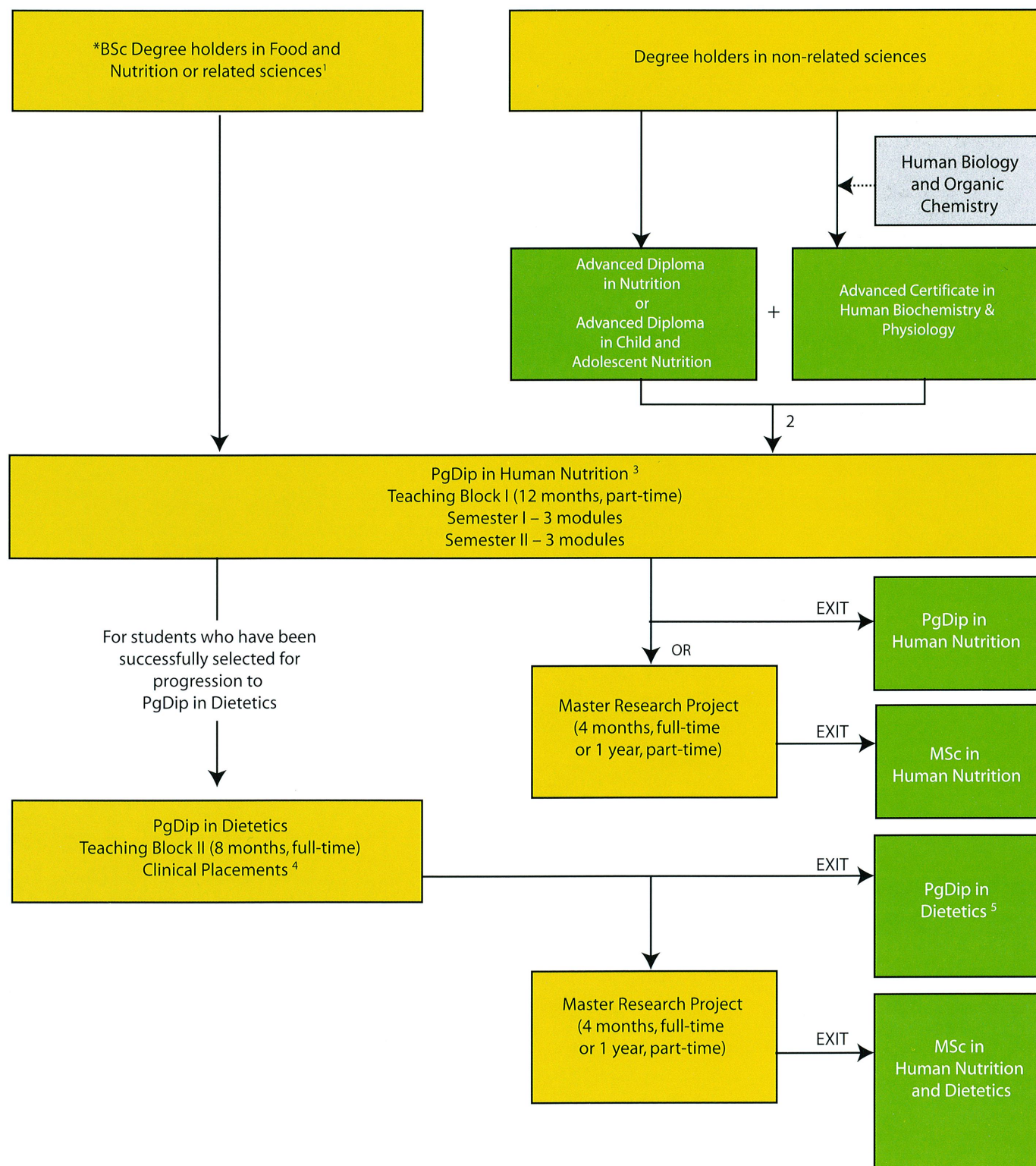
Master of Science in Human Nutrition and Dietetics  
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Progression route towards  
 MSc in Human Nutrition / MSc in Human Nutrition and Dietetics  
 / PgDip in Human Nutrition / PgDip in Dietetics



◀..... For those who have not passed/taken HKCEE Chemistry and Biology (or equivalent) will be required to pass this short course before the Adv Cert in Human Biochemistry and Physiology.

\* For example, HKU SPACE BSc (Hons) Food and Nutrition extension programme offered in collaboration with University of Ulster, U.K.

1. For BSc degree holders in related science, completion of bridging courses may be required based on the applicant's academic background.

2. From November 2009, only academically excellent students who obtained GPA  $\geq 3.6$  in their certificates may normally be considered for entry to the PgDip in Human Nutrition.

3. Selection will be based on academic excellence and an interview.

4. Depending on the availability of clinical placements, students may be required to defer entry into clinical placements.

5. Holders of the PgDip in Dietetics fulfill the criteria for employment as dietitians by the Hospital Authority, HK.

Graduates are eligible to apply for registration as dietitians from the Health Professions Council (HPC), UK.



## INTRODUCTION

In association with the University of Ulster, U.K., HKU SPACE offers a programme leading to the awards of Postgraduate Diploma (PgD) in Human Nutrition, Postgraduate Diploma (PgD) in Dietetics, Master of Science (MSc) in Human Nutrition and Master of Science (MSc) in Human Nutrition and Dietetics. The programme is offered on a part-time basis (except the clinical placement) which falls in line with the School's mission in delivering flexible programmes which meet the needs of potential students and the community.

## AIMS

The PgD / MSc programme aims to fulfill both the academic and professional requirements laid down by the Academic Committees of HKU SPACE and the University of Ulster and for the PgD in Dietetics programme, the professional requirements of the Dietitians Board of the Health Profession Council (HPC, U.K.).

This programme is designed to provide academically challenging postgraduate education for graduates who wish to pursue a career in human nutrition. The programme will provide students with the opportunity to extend their knowledge and critical skills in human nutrition and to apply such methods and techniques to the resolution of nutritional problems. For graduates who proceed to the PgD in Dietetics programme, the qualification will provide them with the knowledge to practice dietetics with individuals and groups in the hospital and the community setting.

( Holders of the PgD in Dietetics fulfill the criteria for employment as dietitians by the Hospital Authority, H.K. )

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

### Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition

All students will initially enroll in the Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition and will undertake 6 taught modules. The six taught modules:

1. Nutrition and Metabolism
2. Applied Nutrition
3. Nutritional Controversies
4. Public Health Nutrition
5. Research Design and Statistics
6. Dietetics

These Modules are undertaken over two semesters in Teaching Block I. Students will normally be required to attend three sessions per week during the evenings and if required on Saturday afternoons.

### Postgraduate Diploma in Dietetics

Admission to this course is by transfer on successful completion of the PgD in Human Nutrition. Students who have excelled academically may be considered for entry to the PgD in Dietetics programme. Prospective candidates will be invited for interview by the Board of Admission who will assess the candidate's suitability before offering him/her a place in the course. The PgD in Dietetics course consists of a Dietetics Professional Issues module and a full time 28-week clinical placement in hospitals. Students graduate with a PgD in Dietetics after successfully completing the clinical placement and final dietetics examinations (2 papers).

### MSc in Human Nutrition/MSc in Human Nutrition and Dietetics

To progress on to the Master degree, all students should have successfully completed the PgD in Human Nutrition or PgD in Dietetics programmes before undertaking a MSc research project which extends over a period of 4 months (full time) or 1 year (part time). This module will provide the student with an appreciation of research at the MSc level in a selected area in human nutrition.





## PROGRAMME ASSESSMENT

The assessment of the taught modules may include written assignments, critical appraisals, practical reports, seminar presentations and sessional examinations.

During the clinical placement, students will attend seminars to review their placements, discuss dietary treatment of diseases and present major case studies. The performance in placement will be assessed by the hospital dietitians and/or the clinical educators. At the end of the clinical placement period, students will sit for the professional dietetics examinations (2 papers).

## TEACHING STAFF

The programme will be taught by members of staff from HKU SPACE and the Faculty of Medicine and School of Biological Sciences from the University of Hong Kong or from other tertiary institutions in Hong Kong as well as practicing dietitians. Clinical placements will be carried out in the hospitals under the guidance of the practicing dietitians. Where appropriate representatives from the food industry will be invited to provide information on their products.

## TIME AND VENUE

Two weekday evenings 6:45 – 9:45 pm and one Saturday afternoon 2:30-5:30 pm.

HKU SPACE Learning Centres (such as Admiralty, Causeway Bay, North Point)

## FEES

Application fee:		HK\$200 (non-refundable)
Course fee:	PgD in Human Nutrition	HK\$70,000
	PgD in Dietetics	HK\$95,000
	MSc Project	HK\$30,000

## MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

English

The PgD and MSc programmes are exempted courses under the Non-Local Higher and Professional Education (Regulation) Ordinance. It is a matter of discretion for individual employers to recognize any qualification to which these courses may lead.

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