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application:  
12 July 2025

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DIETETICS**

### **POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DIETETICS**

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN NUTRITION**

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**2025 INTAKE**



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## INTRODUCTION

In association with Ulster University, 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 Dietetics. The programme is offered on a part-time basis (except the dietetics practice-based learning modules) 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 MSc/PgD programme aims to fulfill both the academic and professional requirements laid down by the Academic Committees of HKU SPACE and the Ulster University, UK.

This PgD in Human Nutrition 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.

Graduates of the PgD in Dietetics fulfill the criteria for employment as dietitians by the Hong Kong Hospital Authority and are eligible to apply for registration as an Accredited Dietitian with the Hong Kong Academy of Dietitians (HKAAD) and as a dietitian with the Hong Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), UK.

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

### Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition

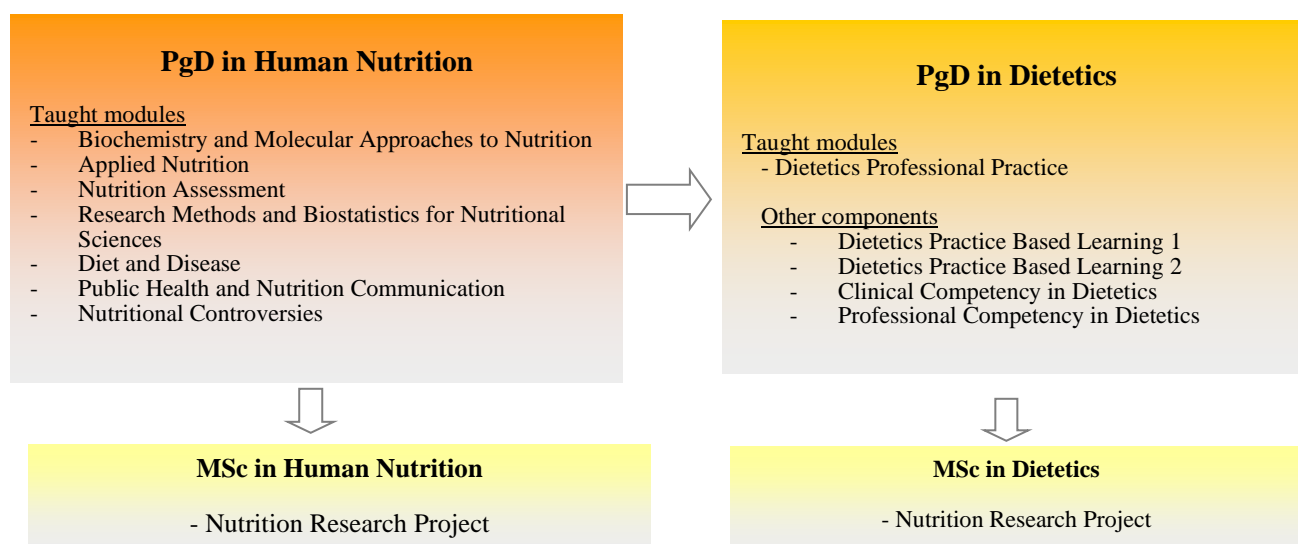
All students will initially enroll in the Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition and will undertake 7 taught modules which are undertaken over three semesters in Teaching Block I. Students will normally be required to attend three sessions per week during the evenings and Saturday afternoons. The seven modules namely: Biochemistry and Molecular Approaches to Nutrition; Applied Nutrition; Nutrition Assessment; Public Health and Nutrition Communication; Research Methods and Biostatistics for Nutritional Sciences; Diet and Disease; Nutritional Controversies.

### Postgraduate Diploma in Dietetics

Progression from the PgD in Human Nutrition to the PgD in Dietetics is available to selected students who successfully complete the PgD in Human Nutrition. However, admission is not guaranteed and depends on the availability of places for clinical placements, as well as individual suitability (please see minimum requirements below). Due to limited capacity, meeting the criteria does not guarantee progression. Prospective candidates will be invited for an interview by the PgD in Dietetics 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 part time 2-month Dietetics Professional Practice taught module and dietetics practice based learning (full time 28-week placement in hospitals). Upon successfully completing the clinical placement and final dietetics assessments, students will graduate with the award of PgD in Dietetics.

### MSc in Human Nutrition / MSc in Dietetics

On successful completion of the PgD in Human Nutrition or PgD in Dietetics, students may be considered for transfer to the MSc in Human Nutrition or MSc in Dietetics. Students are required to complete an MSc research project which extends over a period of 1 year (part time). This module will provide the student with an appreciation of research at the MSc level in a selected area of human nutrition.



## PROGRAMME ASSESSMENT

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

### For the Postgraduate Diploma in Dietetics:

During dietetics practice-based learning modules, students will attend weekly tutorials to review their progress, discuss dietary treatment of diseases and present major case studies. The performance in the dietetics practice-based learning modules will be assessed by the hospital dietitians and/or the Clinical Educators. At the end of the placement period, students will complete the final assessments.

## TEACHING STAFF

The programme will be taught by members of staff from HKU SPACE, 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. Dietetics practice-based learning will take place in hospitals under the guidance of the practicing dietitians. Where appropriate, representatives from the food industry will be invited to provide information on their products.

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must: -

1. (i) hold a degree with at least 2ii Honours in food and nutrition or equivalent *OR*  
(ii) hold a degree with at least 2ii Honours in life sciences and complete specified HKU SPACE Advanced Diploma/Certificate programmes\* in food and nutrition as required *OR*  
(iii) demonstrate their ability to undertake the programme through the accreditation of prior learning.

AND

2. provide evidence of English proficiency, such as
  - (i) HKDSE English Language 3 or above *OR*
  - (ii) HKALE Grade D or above *OR*
  - (iii) HKCEE English Language (Syllabus B) C or above *OR*
  - (iv) an IELTS overall band of 6 with 5.5 or above in reading, writing, listening and speaking or equivalent.

\* The HKU SPACE Advanced Certificate programmes required will depend on the academic degree discipline that applicants possess. The Advanced Diploma/Certificates may include the Advanced Diploma in Nutrition; Advanced Diploma in Child Nutrition and Adolescent Nutrition; Advanced Certificate in Nutrition; Advanced Certificate in Clinical Nutrition and Health Promotion; Advanced Certificate in Child Nutrition and Adolescent Nutrition; Advanced Certificate in Human Biochemistry and Physiology; Advanced Certificate in Food Science.

Graduates of the Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition may be considered for transfer to the Postgraduate Diploma in Dietetics<sup>#</sup> provided they have:

1. Demonstrated good academic performance in the Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition; and
2. No criminal record; and
3. Good health as evidenced by a satisfactory full medical report; and
4. Excellent communication skills as assessed in interview by dietitians and representatives of the programme team; and
5. Demonstrated a commitment to the dietetics profession; and
6. Ability to speak and read Chinese.

In each case applicants shall satisfy the Admissions Committee that he or she is unlikely to be disadvantaged in his/her studies by language.

<sup>#</sup>There is no direct entry to the Master of Science in Human Nutrition or Master of Science in Dietetics

## TIME AND VENUE

Two weekday evenings 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm and Saturday afternoons 2:30-5:30 pm.  
HKU SPACE Learning Centres (such as Admiralty, Causeway Bay, North Point)

## FESS

Application fee:	HK\$300 (non-refundable)	
Course fee:	PgD in Human Nutrition	HK\$98,000
	PgD in Dietetics	to be confirmed
	MSc. Project	HK\$38,500

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.

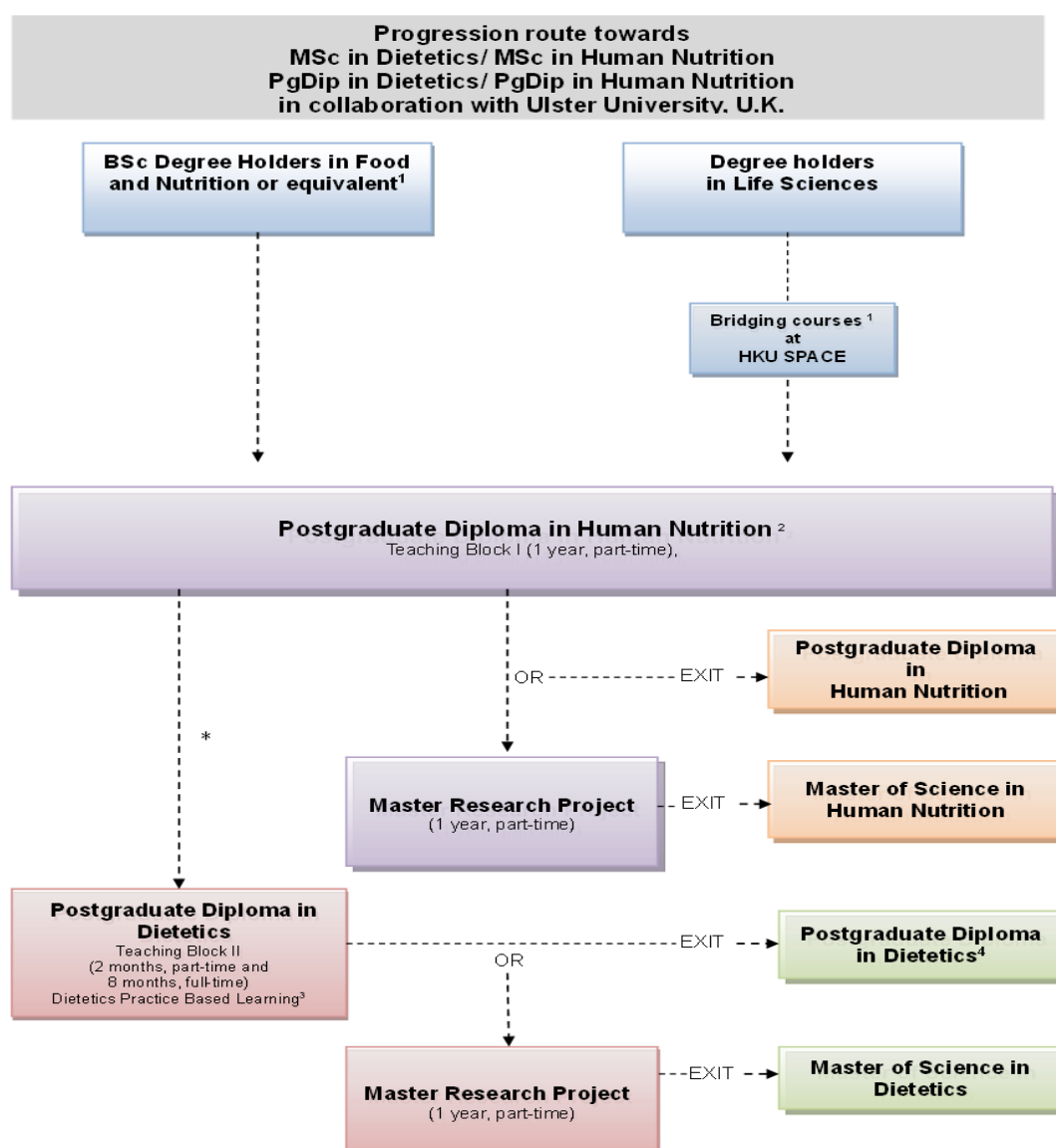
**Mode of Delivery:** The programmes will be delivered through face-to-face seminars and class-integrative discussions.

**Medium of Instruction:** English

**Date of Commencement:** 2 September 2025      **Deadline for Application:** 12 July 2025

Candidates selected on the basis of their academic record will be invited for interview.

Candidates must submit a completed HKU SPACE application form for the Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition programme with an application fee and supporting documents.



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1. For BSc degree holders in related science field, completion of bridging courses may be required.

This "bridging courses" is to be advised by the programme team, based on the applicants' academic background.

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

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

4. Graduates of the PgD in Dietetics programme are eligible to apply for membership with the Hong Kong Academy of Accredited Dietitians (HKAAD) and for Registration as Dietitian with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC, U.K.).