

**UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**Request for Change(s)**

Originating unit requesting change Nutritional Sciences – Combined BS/MS in Dietetics

Type of Change requested:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Course number(s)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Course prerequisite(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Program title                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course title       | <input type="checkbox"/> Drop course(s)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Program description             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course description | <input type="checkbox"/> Drop program(s)        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program requirements |

Semester and year change(s) take effect: Fall 2020

Appropriate computer abbreviation if  
course title is more than 30 spaces: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly summarize the change requested:

- Change the mission statement of the program.
- Change term in which students apply for graduate school.
- Remove clause linking accrediting body, Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Catalog copy

Present catalog copy (paste-up from  
catalog is acceptable.

*See attachment*

Proposed change(s). (Include exact catalog  
copy as desired. Underline changes)

*See attachment*

1. What is the justification for the change(s) requested?  
Research Practice I and Research Practice II will remain as electives for students in the Combined BS/MS in Dietetics. Students may choose to participate in research with faculty members, when desired.
2. If applicable, explain how the change(s) will affect the current program outcomes and assessment mechanisms.  
The total hours for the BS degree will decrease by two hours from 128 to 126. These changes will result in the program measuring several select learning outcomes (for accreditation) in other courses that already exist. It will not further impact assessment mechanisms.
3. **Faculty Resources:** How will the unit provide faculty support for this change and any other impact this change may have on other current departmental listings.  
Removal of these courses as major requirements will potentially decrease faculty workload for those faculty that currently are slated to teach these courses and allow faculty increased time for faculty-led scholarship.
4. **Educational Resources:** Will this change require additional resources not currently available (e.g. space, equipment, library, other)? ☐ YES  
If yes, list additional resources needed. ☒ NO
5. If this change affects other units of the University, include a statement signed by the chairperson(s) of the affected unit(s). N/A
6. If cross-listed, provide evidence of approval by all curriculum committees appropriate to both the originating and cross-listed units. N/A



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Approval signature of chairperson of originating unit

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### Major Requirements

<a href="#"><u>NTDT 10003</u></a>	Contemporary Issues in Nutrition
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 10103</u></a>	Food Preparation
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 20403</u></a>	Nutrition
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 21163</u></a>	Food and Culture
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 30123</u></a>	Nutrition Throughout the Life Cycle
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 30133</u></a>	Meal Management
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 30144</u></a>	Quantity Food Production
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 30233</u></a>	Essentials of Dietetics Practice
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 30303</u></a>	Communication and Education for Food,
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 30313</u></a>	Food Systems Management
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 30331</u></a>	Medical Terminology
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 30333</u></a>	Medical Nutrition Therapy I
<a href="#"><u><del>NTDT 40000</del></u></a>	<del>Research Practice I</del>
<a href="#"><u><del>NTDT 40010</del></u></a>	<del>Research Practice II</del>
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 40303</u></a>	Supervised Practice I
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 40313</u></a>	Supervised Practice II
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 40333</u></a>	Medical Nutrition Therapy II
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 40343</u></a>	Nutritional Biochemistry
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 40403</u></a>	Research Methods in Nutrition
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 40413</u></a>	Business Principles in Dietetics
<a href="#"><u>NTDT 40603</u></a>	Nutrition Counseling

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## GRADUATE COUNCIL

### PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN EXISTING COURSE/PROGRAM

**ORIGINATING UNIT:** *Nutritional Sciences; Combined BS/MS in Dietetics*

**TYPE OF ACTION:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Change in existing course  
\_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_ Change in existing program

**TYPE OF CHANGE REQUESTED:**

_____ Number	_____ Title
_____ Description	_____ Prerequisite(s)
_____ Drop course/program	_____X_____ Program Requirements
_____ Other (specify) _____	

**Semester and Year Change(s) take effect:** Fall 2020

Appropriate Computer Abbreviation (30 spaces or less):

DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE – highlight, **bold**, *italics*, or otherwise identify parts that are changed in proposed copy (omit if dropping a course or program):

**Present catalog copy:**

In order to earn the BS in Dietetics degree, the student must attain a minimum NTDT GPA of 3.0, earn a grade of "C-" or better in all Associated Requirements, earn no more than 3 grades below a "B-" in the Associated Requirements, complete a **minimum of 128 126 hours**, and meet all of the requirements of the university and college. Students who do not meet all of these requirements for graduation of the BS in Dietetics or the requirements for admission into the graduate program may change major to Nutrition or another major in order to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree but cannot continue in the Combined BS/MS in Dietetics. Students who do not meet all of these requirements cannot continue in the combined BS/MS in Dietetics.

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Students complete 12 hours of dual undergraduate/graduate credit during the fourth year of

undergraduate study. At the end of the fourth year, assuming that all other undergraduate graduation requirements are met, the student earns his/her BS degree in dietetics. Beginning with summer session of the fourth year and continuing with the fifth year of the Combined BS/MS in Dietetics program, the student completes the remaining **20 19 graduate credit hours (10 hours of coursework, 10 9 credit hours of supervised practice)**, toward the MS in Dietetics degree. Students pursuing the thesis option will take an additional 6 credit hours. Students intending to pursue the Combined BS/MS in Dietetics must earn a BS in dietetics from TCU. In addition, all 30000, 40000, 50000 and 60000 NTDT courses must be taken from TCU.

Course Requirements:

...Fifth year:

<del>NTDT 60020</del>	<del>Advanced Research Practice</del>	<del>1-3</del>
NTDT 60313	Advanced Supervised Practice II	3
NTDT 60324	Advanced Supervised Practice III	4
NTDT 60443	Nutritional Genomics	3
NTDT 60453	Nutrition Ecology, Food, and Sustainability	3

### **Proposed catalog copy:**

Continuation of supervised practice experiences in selected clinical and community nutrition care facilities.

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[NTDT 60453](#) Nutrition Ecology, Food, and Sustainability 3

**Supporting EVIDENCE OR JUSTIFICATION:**

Advanced Research Practice will remain as electives for students in the Combined BS/MS in Dietetics. Students may choose to participate in research with faculty members, when desired. Additionally, 6 hours of Thesis hours are required for students that are graduating with a Thesis. Removal of these courses as major requirements will potentially decrease faculty workload for those faculty that currently are slated to teach Supervised Practice courses and allow faculty increased time for *faculty-led* scholarship.

**Explain how the change(s) will affect the current outcomes and assessment mechanisms?**

The total hours for the BS degree will decrease by two hours from 128 to 126. The total hours for the MS will decrease by one hour from 32 to 31. The decrease in the one hours comes from Supervised Practice experiences that will be measured in other courses that already exist. It will not further impact assessment mechanisms.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES REQUIRED:**

**Faculty:** N/A

**Space:** N/A

**Equipment:** N/A

**Library:** N/A

**Other:** N/A

**CHANGE IN TEACHING LOAD:**

Does this change affect any other units of the University? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes   X   No

**If yes, submit supporting statement signed by chair of affected unit.**

**If cross-listed, provide evidence of approval by all curriculum committees appropriate to both the originating and the cross-listed units.**

**Chair of Originating Unit:**

**Signature:** Anne VanBeber

**Name:** Anne VanBeber

**Unit:** Nutritional Sciences