

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:

NTDT 60020	Advanced Research Practice	1-3
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.

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 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 **19 graduate credit hours (10 hours of coursework, 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

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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