

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
REQUEST FOR DECISION

PRESENTED BY: Carolyn Augusta, Chair, Academic Programs Committee

DATE OF MEETING: December 19, 2024

SUBJECT: **Certificate in Internationally Trained Dietitians**

MOTION: *It is recommended by the Academic Programs Committee that Council approve the Certificate in Internationally Trained Dietitians effective May 2025.*

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND:

The College of Pharmacy and Nutrition is proposing a new certificate in Internationally Trained Dietitians. The intention of this certificate is to provide dietitians who have trained in other countries with training in a Canadian context, as is required for practice in Canada. These internationally trained Dietitians would now receive a certificate for taking the already required courses (18 credit units) as outlined by the accrediting body of the College of Dietitians of Saskatchewan, which in turn may encourage these students to become more engaged in the College. This certificate is not sufficient to allow internationally trained dietitians to practice in Canada; an additional licensing exam and practicum is also required.

CONSULTATION:

On November 20, 2024, the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition put forward a proposal to the Academic Programs Committee of Council (APC). Following questions and a discussion, the committee was supportive and voted in favour of the proposed certificate.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Certificate in International Trained Dietitians Proposal

New Program (Undergraduate Non-Degree level Certificate):

Certificate in Human Nutrition for Internationally Trained Dietitians

Rationale

This proposal is based on a need for formal acknowledgement of academic upgrading taken by Internationally Trained Dietitians at the University of Saskatchewan.

For over 20 years, Internationally Trained Dietitians (ITD) who require academic upgrading prior to applying for licensure through the Saskatchewan College of Dietitians (SCD) have taken Nutrition courses offered through the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition; historically these ITDs have registered through the College of Arts and Science as a non-degree student.

The Certificate in Human Nutrition for Internationally Trained Dietitians will allow ITDs registration through the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition which will provide them with opportunities to participate in College-supported activities related to their profession (e.g., student events, professional development). More importantly, this certificate will provide formal recognition of their academic upgrading through the achievement of a certificate.

The courses chosen to be included in this certificate represent three key dietetic practice domains including nutrition care, population health promotion, and food provision. Taking these courses will ensure ITDs have the necessary foundation across all practice areas which will prepare them for their subsequent practical training.

Certificate Requirements

NUTR 350.3 Introduction to Public Health and Community Nutrition

NUTR 365.3 Quantity Food Production and Service

NUTR 425.3 Nutritional Assessment

NUTR 441.3 Clinical Nutrition I

NUTR 442.3 Clinical Nutrition II

NUTR 466.3 Organization and Management of Nutrition Services

Restrictions: Restricted to students who have been approved through the Saskatchewan College of Dietitians licensure pathway.

Consultation

This certificate program was developed in consultation with the Division of Nutrition, College of Pharmacy and Nutrition and the Saskatchewan College of Dietitians. Formal approval for the certificate program was granted by the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition Faculty Council on October 9, 2024.

Resources

No additional resources are required for library and ICT services. Physical resources and space requirements are to be met with current arrangement. No budgetary and financial implications exist in the carrying out of this new program.

Additional Documents

Consultation with the Registrar (CWR) and Cover Sheet (separate attachments)

CATALOGUE ENTRY

Certificate in Human Nutrition for Internationally Trained Dietitians

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ADMISSION QUALIFICATIONS

Special Admission

- Letter of assessment from the provincial dietetic regulatory body (i.e., Saskatchewan College of Dietitians)
- Proficiency in English.

Selection Criteria

- **Special Admission:** Special admission package – 100% weighting
 - Applicants are admitted at the discretion of the college. The admission decision is based on the applicant's written submission, letter of assessment from the provincial dietetic regulatory body, and demonstrated academic potential.

Categories of Applicants

Special Admission

Applicants must submit the letter of assessment from the provincial dietetic regulatory body as well as proof of English proficiency.

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