
University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

MDiet Coursework (10259002)

Duration of study 2 years

Programme information

For the coursework component, a student has to take compulsory modules to a total of 80 credits and choose modules (from elective modules) to a total of 120 credits. Any specific module is offered on condition that a minimum number of students is registered for the module, as determined by the Head of the department and the Dean. Students must consult the head of the division in order to compile a meaningful programme, as well as for information on the syllabi of the modules. The departmental postgraduate brochure should also be consulted.

Also consult General Regulations.

Admission requirements

- Subject to the stipulations of General Regulation G.62 the minimum requirement is a Bachelor's degree in Dietetics/Human Nutrition as well as registration as a dietician with the Health Professions Council of South Africa.
- At least one year of full-time practical experience after acquiring the qualification in terms of which admission to master's degree study is sought.
- Students are selected on the grounds of previous academic achievement.

Additional requirements

(TNM 800) Applied Research Methodology 800 or an equivalent module must be passed satisfactorily.

Examinations and pass requirements

A final mark of at least 50% is required to pass in the coursework. A minimum of 50% is required to pass in the essay.

Pass with distinction

The degree is conferred with distinction on a student who has obtained an average of at least 75% in the coursework as well as a minimum of 75% in the essay.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Essay: Dietetics 895 (DEK 895)

Module credits	120.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Year

Nutritional assessment 881 (DEK 881)

Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Introduction to research and nutritional epidemiology 880 (DEK 880)

Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Literature study 882 (DEK 882)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 seminar per week, 1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Elective modules

Early childhood nutrition intervention 884 (DEK 884)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Immunonutrition 804 (DEK 804)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Sport nutrition 805 (DEK 805)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Nutrition counselling 806 (DEK 806)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Diet-related non-communicable lifestyle diseases 807 (DEK 807)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.



Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Nutrition support 808 (DEK 808)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Nutri-genomics 809 (DEK 809)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Micro-nutrient malnutrition 883 (DEK 883)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Essay: Dietetics 895 (DEK 895)

Module credits	120.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Year

Applied research methodology 800 (TNM 800)

Module credits	5.00
Prerequisites	BOS 870
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	School of Health Syst & Public
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Attendance module only

Nutritional assessment 881 (DEK 881)

Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Introduction to research and nutritional epidemiology 880 (DEK 880)

Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1



Literature study 882 (DEK 882)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 seminar per week, 1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Elective modules

Early childhood nutrition intervention 884 (DEK 884)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Immunonutrition 804 (DEK 804)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Sport nutrition 805 (DEK 805)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Nutrition counselling 806 (DEK 806)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.



Contact time	1 discussion class per week
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Language of tuition	English
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Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
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Period of presentation	Semester 1
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Nutritional assessment 881 (DEK 881)

Module credits	30.00
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Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
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Contact time	1 discussion class per week
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Language of tuition	English
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Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
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Period of presentation	Semester 1
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Diet-related non-communicable lifestyle diseases 807 (DEK 807)

Module credits	20.00
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Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
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Contact time	1 discussion class per week
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Language of tuition	English
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Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
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Period of presentation	Semester 1
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Nutrition support 808 (DEK 808)

Module credits	20.00
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Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
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Contact time	1 discussion class per week
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Language of tuition	English
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Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
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Micro-nutrient malnutrition 883 (DEK 883)

Module credits	20.00
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Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
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Contact time	1 discussion class per week
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Language of tuition	English
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Academic organisation	Human Nutrition
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