

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Master of Dietetics [MDietetics] (Coursework) (10259004)

Department Human Nutrition

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 180

NQF level 09

Programme information

For the coursework component, a student has to take compulsory modules to a total of 40 credits and choose modules (from elective modules) to a total of 20 credits. Any specific module is offered on condition that a minimum number of students is registered for the module, as determined by the relevant head of department and the Dean. Students must consult the relevant head of department 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 Academic Regulations G30-G41.

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree in Dietetics or Human Nutrition
or
Relevant bachelor's degree
2. Registration as a dietician with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)
3. At least one year of Full-time practical experience

Additional requirements

(TNM 802) Applied Research Methodology 802 or an equivalent module must be attended 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

Core modules

Advanced research and nutritional epidemiology 870 (DEK 870)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Nutritional assessment 871 (DEK 871)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Mini-dissertation: Dietetics 896 (DEK 896)

Module credits	120.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Year

Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	09
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Health Sciences Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year



Module content

*Attendance module only.

Elective modules

Immunonutrition 814 (DEK 814)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Sport nutrition 815 (DEK 815)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Nutrition counselling 816 (DEK 816)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Diet-related non-communicable lifestyle diseases 817 (DEK 817)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Human Nutrition

Period of presentation Semester 1

Nutrition support 818 (DEK 818)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Human Nutrition

Period of presentation Semester 1

Nutrigenomics 819 (DEK 819)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Human Nutrition

Period of presentation Semester 1

Micronutrient malnutrition 873 (DEK 873)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Human Nutrition

Period of presentation Semester 1

Early childhood nutrition intervention 874 (DEK 874)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week



Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Human Nutrition

Period of presentation Semester 1 or Semester 2

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Advanced research and nutritional epidemiology 870 (DEK 870)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Nutritional assessment 871 (DEK 871)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Mini-dissertation: Dietetics 896 (DEK 896)

Module credits	120.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Year

Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	09
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Health Sciences Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year



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Immunonutrition 814 (DEK 814)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Sport nutrition 815 (DEK 815)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Nutrition counselling 816 (DEK 816)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Human Nutrition
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Diet-related non-communicable lifestyle diseases 817 (DEK 817)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week



Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Human Nutrition

Period of presentation Semester 1

Nutrition support 818 (DEK 818)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Human Nutrition

Period of presentation Semester 1

Nutrigenomics 819 (DEK 819)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Human Nutrition

Period of presentation Semester 1

Micronutrient malnutrition 873 (DEK 873)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Human Nutrition

Period of presentation Semester 1

Early childhood nutrition intervention 874 (DEK 874)

Module credits 10.00

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Prerequisites No prerequisites.

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General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

The faculty regulations, information on and requirements for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.