Board for Certification of Nutrition Specialists™

Certified Nutrition Specialist CNS Exam Application Coursework Requirements

Are you a graduate of an ACNPE accredited school program?

- **MUIH, MS Nutrition & Integrative Health (initial accreditation was granted in June 2019)**
- **UB, MS Nutrition (initial accreditation was granted in October 2017)**

If you meet this requirement, please do not submit this form.

NOTE: Graduates of ACNPE accredited programs are still required to submit official transcripts with the exam application.

Coursework Requirements

The education requirements are a minimum of 36-semester credit hours in the following categories. Please indicate how many semester hours you have successfully completed in each category. Please ensure all credits are converted to semester credit hours.

Graduate-Level Nutrition Courses (12 semester credit hours required)

Examples include but are not limited to: developmental nutrition, metabolism of vitamins and minerals, nutrition assessment and therapeutic nutrition.

Course Title	Semester Credit Hours Earned	School or institution
GSN503: Farm to Table	1.33	NUNM
GSN507: Fundamentals of Nutrition	1.33	NUNM
GSN508: Fundamentals of Nutrition Workshop	0.66	NUNM
GSN509: Community Nutrition & Food Policy	1.33	NUNM
GSN515: Nutrition Assessment	2	NUNM
GSN524: Medical Nutrition Therapy	2	NUNM
GSN529: Applied MNT	1.33	NUNM
GSN526: Lifecycle Nutrition	2	NUNM

Biochemistry Courses (6 semester credit hours required)

Undergraduate courses may be applied in this category.

Course Title	Semester Credit Hours Earned	School or institution
GSN514: Nutritional Biochemistry	2	NUNM
GSN507: Fundamentals of Nutrition	1.33	NUNM
GSN555: Clinical Biochem & Nutrition	2	NUNM
GSN614: Advanced Nutritional Biochem	2	NUNM
NS401: Biochem for Life Sciences	2.66	NUNM

Anatomy/Physiology Courses (3 semester credit hours required)

Undergraduate courses may be applied in this category.

Course Title	Semester Credit Hours Earned	School or institution
GSN516: Pathophysiology	2	NUNM
NS311: Anatomy & Physiology	2.66	NUNM

Clinical or Life Sciences (12 semester credit hours required)

Undergraduate courses may be applied in this category. Examples include but are not limited to biology, botany, microbiology, nutrition science, organic/inorganic chemistry.

Course Title	Semester Credit Hours Earned	School or institution
GSN527: Nutritional Research Fundamentals	1.33	NUNM
GSN505/506: Healing Food I + Practicum	2.66	NUNM
GSN536: Gut Microbiome	1.33	NUNM
GSN502: Culinary Skills	1.33	
Any other electives not used in another category		

Behavioral Sciences (3 semester credit hours required)

Undergraduate courses may be applied in this category.

Course Title	Semester Credit Hours Earned	School or institution
GSN517: Psychology of Eating	1.33	NUNM
GSN528: Health Coaching	1.33	NUNM
Prior coursework - Intro to Psychology or Sociology		