

## **Mission**

The mission of the Graduate Nutrition Program is to provide the intellectual base for students to be effective participants in a profession that works to influence nutrition and health behaviors of the population.

The program fosters professional growth by developing critical thinking skills and an appreciation for life-long learning. It provides the foundation for leadership, research, and doctoral study in the field of nutrition and health promotion.

## **Academic Program Information**

### **Advising**

Each student is assigned a faculty advisor with whom s/he will work during the program.

### **Degree/Certificate Requirements:**

#### **Requirements for Certificate in Sports Nutrition**

The Certificate in Sports Nutrition is awarded to students who have satisfactorily completed the Program (12 credit hours), attaining a B (3.0) average in all courses.

#### **Requirements for Dietetic Internship Certificate**

The verification statement of completion of the dietetic internship is awarded to students upon successful completion of the program with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0. Students are expected to take the national registration exam.

#### **Requirements for the Degree of Master of Science in Nutrition and Health Promotion**

The M.S. is awarded to students who have satisfactorily completed the program (31 credit hours) with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0.

### **Graduation Honors**

Any student completing the program course work with a grade point average of 3.80 or higher will be awarded the Master of Science degree with Distinction.

### **Orientation**

An orientation for new students is held at the beginning of the fall semester. Students are notified during June or July about the date and time of this orientation program. Since important information about the School for Health Studies, the program, and the College is provided at that time, it is expected that all new students will attend.

### **Student Handbook**

A SHS Student Handbook, distributed to students before the start of the academic year, details student rights and responsibilities, SHS academic regulations, tuition and fees, financial aid for graduate students, college facilities, student services, and other useful general information.

### **Student Records**

Simmons College, in accordance with the Educational Privacy Act of 1974 (the Buckley Amendment), provides for the privacy and accessibility of certain student records. Students are permitted to review and inspect their own records and to challenge specific parts of them thought to be inaccurate. This should be done under the supervision of the Program Director or Program Assistant.