

## Admission

For more information about Admissions, please see our Frequently Asked Questions page at <http://www.simmons.edu/shs/admission/faq.shtml> and for questions on the program itself, please see the Nutrition FAQ page at <http://www.simmons.edu/shs/academics/nutrition/faq.shtml>.

### Admission Options for MS Program

- Simmons undergraduates with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher may apply for the masters program at the end of their junior year (deadline: June 1) and can waive the GRE requirement. If accepted, students can take two graduate courses in their senior year. If the student's schedule allows, these courses can be taken in the fall and spring semester. Additionally, Simmons undergraduate students who apply and are accepted to the masters program take the last six credit hours of their program tuition-free. All Simmons undergraduates who have graduated within the last five years may waive the GREs; however, they are not eligible to complete these six credit hours tuition free.
- Undergraduate degree candidates at other academic institutions may apply during their final year of study.
- Applicants who already possess an undergraduate degree may apply at any time (see application deadlines).

### Admission Requirements for MS Program

- Simmons undergraduate/Dix applicants must complete an undergraduate degree in any field before matriculation into the graduate program.
- Other applicants must hold an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university.
- The following prerequisite courses, **which may be taken at other accredited colleges or universities**, are required:
  - Inorganic Chemistry with a lab (at Simmons, CHEM 111 or CHEM 113)
  - Organic Chemistry with a lab (at Simmons, CHEM 112 or CHEM 114)
  - Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs (at Simmons, BIOL 231 and BIOL 232)
  - Introduction to Nutrition\* (at Simmons, NUTR 112)
  - Introduction to Community Nutrition (at Simmons, NUTR 237)
  - Human Nutrition (at Simmons, NUTR 311) or Nutritional Biochemistry at Simmons, CHEM 223 which is highly recommended
  - Introductory Statistics at (Simmons, MATH 118)

\*Fundamentals of Nutrition (at Simmons, NUTR 111) will also meet this requirement.

An overall GPA of 3.0 or better is required in the prerequisite courses. All science courses must include labs. Students cannot take graduate courses until prerequisites are completed. Additionally, international students must be enrolled full time (at least 9 credit hours).

There are three methods to complete your prerequisites:

- complete courses elsewhere and then apply (call the Nutrition program directly at 617.521.2711 to determine if a specific class will fulfill our requirement);
- take classes at Simmons before applying;
- apply for provisional admission to the graduate nutrition program and complete the prerequisites at Simmons.

### The last option is not available to international students.

To apply to SHS for provisional admission, follow the standard admission procedures. If accepted, you would receive a **provisional** offer of admission contingent upon successful completion (grades of B or better) of the prerequisite coursework. An offer of regular admission will follow upon successful completion (grades of B or better) of the prerequisite coursework.

To register as a non-degree student through the Dix program, you must complete a non-degree student application (which you can obtain from their office or request to have mailed to you). In general, it can take one to two weeks to process your paperwork; therefore, you would need to apply at least two weeks before the semester begins.

Whether you take these courses as a non-degree student or as a provisionally accepted student, the prerequisites courses are offered through the Dix Scholars Program, since these are undergraduate level courses. Please contact the Dix Scholars Program Office at 617.521.2500 or [dix@simmons.edu](mailto:dix@simmons.edu) to inquire about these courses at Simmons. To see what courses are available for the semester, see the undergraduate (CASPS) registration bulletin at <http://my.simmons.edu/services/registrar/>.

If you are provisionally accepted at Simmons, please contact the Simmons Office of Student Financial Services directly regarding the policy and procedures for applying for aid at 617.521.2036.

### **Application Procedure for MS Program**

Applicants are responsible for mailing the application packet in one unit (except academic transcripts and test scores) to the School for Health Studies. All documents submitted become the property of Simmons College and cannot be returned to the applicant. The packet includes:

1. A completed application form, including essay, resume, check-off sheet and Certification of Finances Form (for non-US citizens only).
2. Three letters of recommendation (in sealed, signed envelopes) from individuals able to comment on the student's academic ability, work experience, and leadership potential. At least two letters should be from a faculty member (if the applicant has recently graduated) or a current employer.
3. A nonrefundable \$50 application fee made payable to Simmons College.

In addition, the following should be sent directly to the School for Health Studies by the testing or educational agencies:

1. The results of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) taken within the past five years (except for Simmons undergraduates who have graduated within the last five years and Dietetic Internship applicants who are also applying to the M.S. program); Copies of student score reports are not acceptable. The SHS code is 3761. Further information can be obtained by directly contacting: GRE, Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6000, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6000, or by telephone, 609-771-7670, or [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org).
2. Official scores of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) taken within the past two years, for all applicants whose first language is not English, regardless of language of schooling or citizenship. Copies of student score reports are not acceptable. A minimum score of 570 (paper test) or 230 (computer test) is required. The SHS code is 3761. Further information can be obtained by directly contacting: TOEFL, Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6151. Telephone: 215-750-8050.
3. Official academic transcripts from **all undergraduate and graduate academic institutions attended** whether or not a degree was awarded, and whenever courses were completed or if courses are not specific to the program for which you are applying or whether courses appear on another transcript. Applicants who are completing an undergraduate degree in the year of application must submit grades from the most recently completed academic term.
4. Applicants who have studied abroad must submit academic documents in the native language as well as official English translations. Additionally, academic records may need to be evaluated by an agency as specified by the School for Health Studies.

No application can be acted upon unless all items under the general admission requirements, as well as those listed for each of the various concentrations, are received.

### **Application Deadline for MS Program**

Carefully review application deadline dates for programs in the School for Health Studies. Deadline dates differ. The application deadline for the MS and CSN programs for fall (September) entry is June 1 and for spring (January) entry, it is November 1. **International students can only apply for September entry. It is imperative that students who have or are studying abroad apply at least six months prior to the application deadline date for the September term.** Please allow ample time for the pace of international postal systems, obtaining visa documents, arrival in the U.S. and transitioning to a new environment. **International students will not be allowed to enroll if they arrive after the official start of the term.**

**Enrollment Deposit for MS Program**

All applicants are required to submit a \$250 non-refundable enrollment deposit. This deposit is applied to the first term bill.

**Deferred Entrance for MS Program**

An accepted student may request, in writing, to the Assistant Dean/Director of Admission of SHS a deferral of the entrance date for a maximum of one year. The student must indicate what he/she will do in the interim. If granted a deferral, a non-refundable enrollment deposit of \$250 is required to ensure enrollment. International students will be considered on an individual basis due to immigration issues.

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

The student must hold an undergraduate degree in nutrition, exercise physiology, kinesiology or sports medicine or related fields. Prerequisite courses include: introductory nutrition and anatomy and physiology I and II (with labs) from an accredited college or university. Students are selected on the basis of academic performance, letters of recommendation, and personal statements.

### **Application Procedure for Certificate in Sports Nutrition**

Applicants are responsible for mailing the application packet in one unit (except academic transcripts and TOEFL scores) to the School for Health Studies. All documents submitted become the property of Simmons College and cannot be returned to the applicant. The packet includes:

1. A completed application form, including essay, resume, check-off sheet and Certification of Finances Form (for non-US citizens only).
2. Two letters of recommendation (in sealed, signed envelopes) from individuals able to comment on the student's academic ability, work experience, and leadership potential. At least one letter should be from a faculty member (if the applicant has recently graduated) or a current employer.
3. A nonrefundable \$50 application fee made payable to Simmons College.

In addition, the following should be sent directly to the School for Health Studies by the testing or educational agencies:

1. Official scores of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) taken within the past two years, for all applicants whose first language is not English, regardless of language of schooling or citizenship. Copies of student score reports are not acceptable. A minimum score of 570 (paper test) or 230 (computer test) is required. The shs code is 3761. Further information can be obtained by directly contacting: GRE, Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6000, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6000, or by telephone, 609-771-7670, or [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org).
2. Official academic transcripts from **all undergraduate and graduate academic institutions attended** whether or not a degree was awarded, and whenever courses were completed or if courses are not specific to the program for which you are applying or whether courses appear on another transcript. Applicants who are completing an undergraduate degree in the year of application must submit grades from the most recently completed academic term.
3. Applicants who have studied abroad must submit academic documents in the native language as well as official English translations. Additionally, academic records may need to be evaluated by an agency as specified by The School for Health Studies.

No application can be acted upon unless all items under the general admission requirements, as well as those listed for each of the various concentrations, are received.

### **Application Deadline for Certificate in Sports Nutrition**

Carefully review application deadline dates for programs in the School for Health Studies. Deadline dates differ. The CSN deadline for fall (September) entry is June 1 and for spring (January) entry, it is November 1.

### **Enrollment Deposit for Certificate in Sports Nutrition**

Accepted students must submit a \$250 non-refundable deposit. This deposit is applied to the first term bill.

### **Deferred Entrance for Certificate in Sports Nutrition**

An accepted student may request in writing to the Assistant Dean/Director of Admission of SHS a deferral of the entrance date for a maximum of one year. The student must indicate what he/she will do in the interim. If granted a deferral, a non-refundable enrollment deposit of \$250 is required to ensure enrollment. The deposit is applied to the first term.

### **Admission Requirements for Dietetic Internship Program**

The student must hold an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university and meet the didactic requirements of the American Dietetic Association (see the website at <http://www.simmons.edu/academics/undergraduate/nutrition/programs/dietetics.shtml> for more information regarding the didactic program in dietetics at Simmons).

### **Application Procedure for Dietetic Internship Program**

Applicants are responsible for mailing the application packet in one unit (except academic transcripts and TOEFL scores) to the School for Health Studies. All documents submitted become the property of Simmons College and cannot be returned to the applicant. The packet includes:

1. A completed Supervised Practice Program Application Form, and page A of the Simmons application and the Certification of Finances Form (for non-US citizens only).
2. Three letters of recommendation (in sealed, signed envelopes) from individuals able to comment on the academic ability, work experience, leadership potential, character and personality of the applicant. At least two letters should be from a food and nutrition instructor. The Supervised Practice Program Application recommendation form is required;
3. Verification of completion of Didactic Program in Dietetics approved by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education of the American Dietetics Association or the Declaration of Intent to Complete Didactic Program. (In the latter instance, the verification statement must be received before the student enters the program.);
4. A nonrefundable \$50 application fee, made payable to Simmons College.

In addition, the following should be sent directly to the School for Health Studies by the testing or educational agencies:

1. Official scores of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) taken within the past two years, for all applicants whose first language is not English, regardless of language of schooling or citizenship. Copies of student score reports are not acceptable. A minimum score of 570 (paper test) or 230 (computer test) is required.
2. Official academic transcripts from **all undergraduate and graduate academic institutions attended** whether or not a degree was awarded, and whenever courses were completed or if courses are not specific to the program for which you are applying or whether courses appear on another transcript. Applicants who are completing an undergraduate degree in the year of application must submit September to December term grades.
3. Applicants who have studied abroad must submit academic documents in the native language as well as official English translations. Additionally, academic records may need to be evaluated by an agency as specified by the School for Health Studies.

No application can be acted upon unless all materials are received.

**All applicants to Dietetic Internships (DI) must participate in computer matching.** Applicants should request instructions and a mark/sense card to prioritize their DI or AP4 preferences. Applicants should request this material from any ADA-approved Didactic Program in Dietetics or from D & D Digital Systems. This request should be made early enough to allow turn around time for submission by the **February 13 (post - mark)** national deadline. There is no charge for this material. However, there is a \$50 charge for computer matching that is due with the applicant's prioritized ranking. Address requests to:

D & D Digital Systems  
304 Main Street, Suite 301  
Ames, IA 50010-6148  
Telephone: 515.292.0490  
Fax: 515.663.9427  
Email: [dnd@netins.net](mailto:dnd@netins.net)

**Application Deadline for Dietetic Internship Program**

The national application deadline is February 13.

**Enrollment Deposit for Dietetic Internship Program**

All applicants who are matched are required to submit a \$250 non-refundable deposit by May 1. This deposit is applied to the first term bill.