

**COLLEGE OF LIFE SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY  
DIETETICS, FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES**

**Master of Science in Human Nutrition and  
Dietetics**

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**Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition  
and Dietetics**

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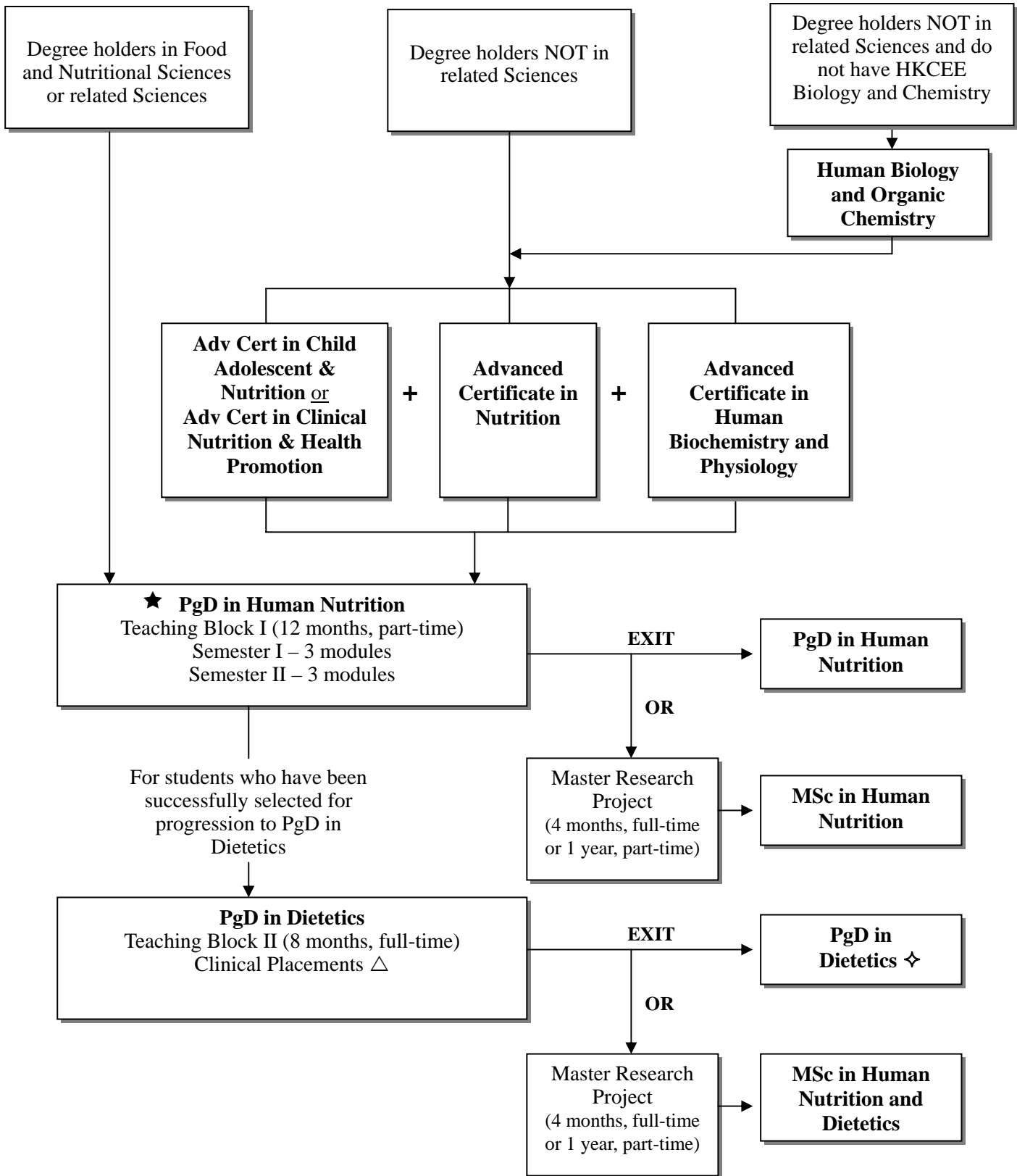
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**Progression route towards MSc in Human Nutrition /MSc in Human Nutrition and Dietetics/PgD in Human Nutrition/PgD in Dietetics**



★ Selection will be based on academic excellent and an interview.

Δ Depending on the availability of placements students may be required to defer entry into clinical placements.

◇ Holders of the PgD in Dietetics fulfill the criteria for employment as dietitians by the Hospital Authority, HK. Graduates are eligible to apply for State Registration in Dietetics from the Health Professions Council (HPC), UK

# **Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition**

## **Postgraduate Diploma in Dietetics**

### **Master of Science in Human Nutrition / Human Nutrition and Dietetics**

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Programme-in-charge: Dr. K. C. Tan-Un (Senior Programme Director)

#### **INTRODUCTION**

In association with the University of Ulster, U.K., HKU SPACE offers a programme leading to the awards of Postgraduate Diploma (PgD) in Human Nutrition, Postgraduate Diploma (PgD) in Dietetics, Master of Science (MSc) in Human Nutrition and Master of Science (MSc) in Human Nutrition and Dietetics. The programme is offered on a part-time basis (except the clinical placement) which falls in line with the School's mission in delivering flexible programmes which meet the needs of potential students and the community.

#### **AIMS**

The PgD / MSc programme aims to fulfill both the academic and professional requirements laid down by the Academic Committees of HKU SPACE and the University of Ulster and for the PgD in Dietetics programme, the professional requirements of the Dietitians Board of the Health Profession Council (HPC, U.K.).

This programme is designed to provide academically challenging postgraduate education for graduates who wish to pursue a career in human nutrition. The programme will provide students with the opportunity to extend their knowledge and critical skills in human nutrition and to apply such methods and techniques to the resolution of nutritional problems. For graduates who proceed to the PgD in Dietetics programme, the qualification will provide them with the knowledge to practice dietetics with individuals and groups in the hospital and the community setting.

**Holders of the PgD in Dietetics fulfill the criteria for employment as dietitians by the Hospital Authority, H.K.**

#### **PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND CONTENT**

##### Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition

All students will initially enroll in the Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition and will undertake 6 taught modules.

The six taught modules namely: Nutrition and Metabolism; Research Design and Statistics; Public Health Nutrition; Nutritional Controversies; Applied Nutrition and Dietetics, are undertaken over two semesters in Teaching Block I. Students will normally be required to attend three sessions per week during the evenings and Saturday afternoons.

##### Postgraduate Diploma in Dietetics

Admission to this course is by transfer on successful completion of the PgD in Human Nutrition. Students who have excelled academically may be considered for entry to the PgD in Dietetics programme. Prospective candidates will be invited for interview by the Board of Admission who will assess the candidate's suitability before offering him/her a place in the course. The PgD in Dietetics course consists of a Dietetics Professional Issues module and a full time 28-week clinical placement in hospitals. Students graduate with a PgD in Dietetics after successfully completing the clinical placement and final dietetics examinations (2 papers).

##### MSc in Human Nutrition/MSc in Human Nutrition & Dietetics

To progress on to the Master degree, all students should have successfully completed the PgD in Human Nutrition or PgD in Dietetics programmes before undertaking a MSc research project which extends over a period of 4 months (full time) or 1 year (part time). This module will provide the student with an appreciation of research at the MSc level in a selected area in human nutrition.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### Applicants should be:

1. (a) degree holders in human nutrition or related science subjects **or**  
(b) non-related science and non-science degree holders who have successfully completed:
  - i) HKU SPACE Advanced Diploma in Nutrition / Child & Adolescent Nutrition **and**
  - ii) HKU SPACE Advanced Certificate in Human Biochemistry and Physiology
2. **and** provide evidence of competence in written and spoken English (GCSE grade C or equivalent).

### For the Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition

Selection will be based on academic excellence and an interview. Candidates will be interviewed to assess their suitability for the course.

### For the Postgraduate Diploma in Dietetics

On successful completion of the PgD in Human Nutrition programme, candidates may be considered for transfer to the PgD in Dietetics provided they: have attained good academic results in the PgD in Human Nutrition; have no criminal record; are in good health as evidenced from the completion of a satisfactory medical report; have excellent communications skills as assessed by an interview and demonstrated a commitment to the dietetics profession. Ability to speak and read Chinese is essential to ensure that students are able to communicate and learn effectively. In each case the candidate shall satisfy the Admissions Committee that he/she is unlikely to be disadvantaged in his/her studies by language.

### For MSc in Human Nutrition / MSc in Human Nutrition and Dietetics

Students must attain an overall pass mark of 50% or greater in the PgD in Human Nutrition / PgD in Dietetics to proceed into the MSc in Human Nutrition / MSc in Human Nutrition and Dietetics programme.

## PROGRAMME ASSESSMENT

The assessment of the taught modules may include written assignments, critical appraisals, practical reports, seminar presentations and sessional examinations.

### **For the Postgraduate Diploma in Dietetics:**

During clinical placement, students will attend seminars to review their placements, discuss dietary treatment of diseases and present major case studies. The performance in placement will be assessed by the hospital dietitians and/or the Clinical Educators. At the end of the clinical placement period, students will sit for the professional dietetics examinations (2 papers).

## MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

English

## APPLICATION FOR NEXT INTAKE

### **Closing Date for application: 31 May 2009**

Candidates selected on the basis of their academic record will be invited for interview. Candidates must submit a completed HKU SPACE application form for Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition and application fee.

## FEES

Application fee:		HK\$200 (non-refundable)
Course fee:	PgD in Human Nutrition	HK\$70,000
	PgD in Dietetics	HK\$95,000
	MSc. Project	HK\$30,000

The PgD and MSc programmes are exempted courses under the Non-Local Higher and Professional Education (Regulation) Ordinance. It is a matter of discretion for individual employers to recognize any qualification to which these courses may lead.

## ENQUIRY

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