

Admissions for MSc Dietetics (Top Up)

Frequently Asked Questions for Applicants

What is the course?

This course enables those who are Registered Dietitians with the Health & Care Professions Council who are currently practising in the profession to undertake the required credits to top up their qualification from a PG Diploma in Dietetics (120 credits) to an MSc Dietetics (180 credits).

When is the closing date for applications?

The closing date for all applications for entry onto the course starting in September 2024 will be **31 August 2024**.

When does the course start?

The course will start with Induction on Monday 16 September 2024.

What are the eligibility criteria for being offered a place on the MSc Dietetics course at Leeds Beckett University?

Applicants for this course should meet the following criteria:

- Graduation from a UK University with a PG Diploma in Dietetics
- A Registered Dietitian with the Health & Care Professions Council
- In current practice in a role which requires a Registered Dietitian.

Do you accept graduates with a PG Diploma from other Universities on this course?

We do consider graduates with a PG Diploma in Dietetics awarded by other Universities within the UK for admission onto this course. It is important to submit your transcript with your application.

What modules do I need to complete for this award?

In order to qualify for this “top up” of your PG Dip award (120 credits) you need to successfully complete an additional 60 credits at Masters level / Level 7 (180 credits) which includes the following modules:

- Research Methods in Nutrition: 20 credits
- Research and Practice Development (dissertation): 40 credits

When do I complete the modules and what if I do not live or work near to Leeds?

You would complete the modules with the current students on the full time MSc Dietetics course, as follows:

- Research Methods in Nutrition (20 credits – 200 hours) takes place in Semester 1 the 1st Year of the course
- Research and Practice Development module (40 credits – 400 hours) is completed during the 2nd year of the course.

Research Methods in Nutrition (20 credits) - you can either attend the face to face sessions delivered during this module at University or to access the module on-line in your own time.

Research and Practice Development (40 credits) – this module includes the dissertation can be started after completion of the *Research Methods in Nutrition (20 credits)* module. Dissertations should be submitted by the end of August for graduation the following September. There are no specific timetabled taught sessions for the 40 credit module, but you would need to arrange regular contact (in person or virtually) with your supervisor during this module.

Do I study for the additional credits over 1 year or 2 years?

The 2 modules are completed over 2 years alongside students on the full time course.

How many hours of study will it take to do the additional modules?

The modules are 60 credits at Level 7 and equate to 600 hours of learning:

- Research Methods in Nutrition - 20 credits (200 hours)
- Research and Practice Development module - 40 credits (400 hours)

How do I choose my research project?

Many students on this course already have an idea for their research project which is related to their current employment and professional practice. However, if this is not the case, the academic staff will support you to choose an appropriate topic.

Do you accept International applicants for this course?

Yes, providing you have:

Graduated with a PG Diploma in Dietetics from a UK University leading to registration as a Registered Dietitian with the Health & Care Professions Council

Are currently registered with the HCPC

Are currently practising as a Registered Dietitian

How much does the course cost?

For students starting this course in September 2024, the fee will be displayed on the course website. The course fees for the additional 60 credits for 2023/24 entry were as follows:

UK/EU applicants: £3,000

International applicants: £4,350

Are there any loans, grants or bursaries to support the course fee?

We are not aware of any and it is important that students find their own source of funding or self fund their course fee. Many students have been able to negotiate some support from their employer if the area of research chosen supports the work of their employer.

What do I need to submit with my application?

Your application should be submitted via <https://myapplication.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/> All supporting documentation can be uploaded to your online application before submission. If you experience any difficulties uploading attachments, please contact the Admissions Office as per the contact details at the end of this document:

The additional information required with your application is as follows:

- One suitable reference, which would normally be your current employer
- PG Diploma in Dietetics Award Certificate
- PG Diploma in Dietetics Transcript listing the dates and modules studied
- Supporting statement – this should be completed in the **Supporting Documentation** section of the online application form and should make reference to your motivation for applying for this course, a description and details of their current employment, research and CPD aspirations, and any research interests (if you have a current idea for this).

You can also provide a separate CV with details of qualifications attained and experiences gained.

Who should I contact if I have further questions?

Any further questions about the course can be directed to:

Diane Spalding, Admissions Tutor, MSc Dietetics on d.l.spalding@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Any further questions about the application process should be directed to:

UK Admissions – directadmissions@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

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