

The Coordinated Programs in Dietetics (CP) at Eastern Michigan University (EMU) have an established history of success and innovation. The EMU CP first sought accreditation as a Coordinated Undergraduate Program in General Dietetics from the American Dietetic Association in 1974. The CP has undergone many changes since its inception, including the selection of a Business Entrepreneur (BE) concentration, and the addition of both distance-online delivery and the MS-level program. In fact, EMU was the first CP in the country to offer a fully distance-online program. The campus CP is currently accredited to admit 18 students and the distance-online cohort can accept 30 students per academic year.

In 2018, the EMU Dietetics Program was ranked as [#4 in the nation](#) in a review of schools across the country, which cited [our program's quality and affordability](#). Also in 2017, the online EMU Master of Science in Dietetics and Human Nutrition was ranked as [#1 among online Master's in Nutrition programs](#), citing the program's ability to provide masters students with support toward individual student interests. The pass rate on the RDN examination is high for our graduates and the number of graduates employed shortly after completion of our program is notable as well (we provide program outcomes data upon request).

One of our strengths is our experienced faculty and lecturers. These educators remain loyal to the Program and derive satisfaction from investing in future practitioners. Additionally, the ability to deliver the curriculum at both the undergraduate and graduate levels as well as both on-campus and distance-online is a strong point of the program.

The methods used to teach the curriculum vary based on the delivery method of the course and the faculty member's preferred approach. Many faculty use a variety of support tools such as audio files, video lectures, and webinars to enhance the learning of the distance-online cohort. Appealing to the learning styles of the students is key, so faculty vary their approaches and use a myriad of techniques. Faculty and staff on campus use problem-based learning, small group discussions, and research projects to enhance student learning. Some students present their research at national, state, and local conferences. Also, students have worked with faculty to publish in peer-reviewed journals.

Eagle Nutrition Services (ENS) provides CP students with entrepreneurial-focused supervised practice while providing nutrition services to staff, faculty, students, and the community. ENS offers nutrition counseling, analysis of three-day food records, dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry, bioelectrical impedance analysis, and outreach on campus and in the community. The ENS Demonstration Kitchen was built in 2015 and offers students a state-of-the art space designed for culinary demonstrations and nutrition education.

The Program co-Directors, faculty and staff of the Coordinated Programs in Dietetics and M.S. in Human Nutrition at Eastern Michigan University are proud of the Dietetics and Human Nutrition program history, the students and alumni, and the strong support the programs have garnered from accreditors and the university.

The CP is housed within the EMU College of Health and Human Services (CHHS), which includes programs in numerous healthcare professions, and is dedicated to offering [Interprofessional Education \(IPE\)](#) opportunities to our students. Dietetics and Human Nutrition program students have participated in a variety of live and simulation IPE events, both on- and off- campus, involving Social Work, Physician Assistant, Orthotics and Prosthetics, Nursing, and Physician Assistant programs.