The Master of Science in Foods and Nutrition (MScFN) Internship stream program is designed to equip students with a Master of Science degree which includes a one year accredited practicum. The program provides students with a combination of advanced course work, research opportunities, and varied practical training experiences through placements. Program completion may be achieved in 20 months of full time study, starting each Fall. Coursework runs from September to April, followed by one full year of practical training.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (INTERNERSHIP STREAM)

- Bachelor of Science in Foods and Nutrition (Honors Specialization or an equivalent four year degree) from a program which is accredited by the Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice (PDEP)
- Undergraduate courses in research methodology and statistics
- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 78% on the last 10 Full Course Equivalent credits
- Relevant work and volunteer experience
- Demonstrated English language proficiency
- A full G Driver’s license with automobile insurance and access to a vehicle are requirements during the practicum portion of the program
- Ability to attend an in person interview session in February 2019, if invited

Applications will be accepted between November 1, 2018 and January 18, 2019 (firm deadline).

The Master of Science in Foods and Nutrition (MScFN) Thesis Stream is a full-time, 6 term (2 year) graduate program with options available to accommodate part-time study. Selection criteria evaluates the individual’s readiness and ability to plan and conduct research, and their potential for professional leadership. Experience and performance in professional practice are also considered assets.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (THESES STREAM)

- Honors BSc in Foods and Nutrition (or an equivalent four year undergraduate degree)
- Undergraduate courses in research methodology and statistics
- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 78% on the last 10 Full Course Equivalent credits
- Relevant work and volunteer experience
- Demonstrated English language proficiency

Applications will be accepted between November 1, 2018 and January 31, 2019. Applications received beyond these dates will be reviewed; however, there may be less chance for success with program admission and funding opportunities. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply as early as possible.
PROGRAM FACTS: MScFN THESIS STREAM

The Thesis Stream program offers the opportunity to strengthen research skills through advanced course work and thesis development under the guidance of a Faculty Supervisor, and a Thesis Supervisory Committee.

MScFN THESIS STREAM COURSES
Students must take 4 courses over 2 terms in the first year of the program. Courses offered include:
- Food and Nutritional Policies and Regulations
- Nutrition Research and Epidemiology
- Leadership and Food Management
- Advances in Clinical Nutrition
- Community Nutrition and Program Planning
- Seminar in Food and Nutritional Sciences

THESIS STREAM RESEARCH
Students conducting thesis research will focus on an area of experimental or applied nutrition or health research. A student’s thesis topic will depend on the availability of faculty to supervise thesis research and preparation. Applicants will be prompted to submit their research interests as part of the application process, including Brescia Faculty Research Supervisor preferences. The thesis proposal and writing will follow the guidelines of Western’s School of Graduate and Post-doctoral Studies. Graduation requirements include a written and successfully defended thesis. Outcomes often include published papers.

PROGRAM FACTS: MScFN INTERNSHIP STREAM

The MScFN Internship is accredited under the Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice (PDEP) and prepares students with eligibility for registration with a provincial dietetic regulatory body (www.pdep.ca). After successful completion of the Canadian Dietetic Registration Exam, graduates of this program may practice as Registered Dietitians.

MScFN INTERNSHIP STREAM COURSES
Students must take 4 courses over 2 terms in the first year of the program. Courses offered include:
- Food and Nutritional Policies and Regulations
- Nutrition Research and Epidemiology
- Leadership and Food Management
- Advances in Clinical Nutrition
- Community Nutrition and Program Planning
- Seminar in Food and Nutritional Sciences

INTERNSHIP STREAM RESEARCH
Based on areas of interest, students will be matched with a Faculty Supervisor who will encourage and guide the research project over the full 5 terms of the program. Students in the MScFN program are involved in advanced research projects, some of which have resulted in published papers.

PRACTICAL TRAINING
Students participate in shaping their practicum schedule through regular meetings with the Internship Coordinator who works with qualified preceptors to ensure learning opportunities foster the acquisition of entry-level dietetic competencies. Professional Development Seminar Weeks support personalized career planning and enhanced skill and career development.

FIND MORE INFORMATION ONLINE AT brescia.uwo.ca/academics/graduate-programs

Tess Coutu
Graduate of the MScFN Thesis Stream program, Class of 2017.

“The professors are invested in seeing us succeed in our careers, therefore we all feel the enormous support behind us. My advisor has always provided me with incredible support and is willing to share her own personal experiences and knowledge of when she went through grad school and had to juggle work, life and school. The professors are relatable and very resourceful. I feel my voice is heard and respected as a student at Western.”