

Comparison of MS in NDSS with non-degree dietetics program (NDT) vs. concurrent BS/MS program for those seeking the RDN credential.

	<u>Concurrent BS/MS</u>	<u>MS with NDT</u>
What do I leave KSU with?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BS in Dietetics (or the FNDH major you are in)</li> <li>• MS in Nutrition, Dietetics and Sensory Sciences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MS in Nutrition, Dietetics and Sensory Sciences</li> <li>• Verification Statement to apply to DIs</li> </ul>
Am I eligible to apply?	If you are a current BS student in the FNDH department, you have completed at least 75 credits towards your degree and you have not yet taken nine credits of your 600 level and above FNDH classes yet.	<p>You can apply to the MS program if you have a bachelor's and a GPA of 3.0 in your last 60 credits of your bachelor's program.</p> <p>You can apply to the NDT program if you meet one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You have been admitted to the MS in NDSS program</li> </ul>
What credits count towards the BS and the MS?	Up to nine credits from your undergraduate coursework can count towards the MS. The student must enroll in the courses they want to "share" between the BS and MS for <b>graduate credit</b> .	The DPD required course of FNDH 600, 620, 631, 632 will all count towards your MS if you take them for <b>graduate credit</b> .
How many credits total?	Depending on BS degree program, roughly 120 for BS + 30 for MS – 9 (shared courses) = 141	Depending on bachelor's transcripts, roughly 75 credits for the NDT + 30 for MS – 12 (double count) = 93
Financial aid eligible?	Yes, but when the student starts in the concurrent program officially they are then seen as a graduate student and any federal financial aid (grants, scholarships, ex: Pell and Heritage) used in undergrad would cease. You can fill out a FAFSA for graduate studies (will require being in 5 graduate credits each semester).	<p>You can fill out a FAFSA for graduate studies (will require being in 5 graduate credits each semester).</p> <p>The NDT program is a non-degree seeking option and thus is not eligible for financial aid.</p>
Things to consider	<p>You can finish your MS prior, as you complete your DI or after your DI before sitting for the RDN exam.</p> <p>If you don't finish your MS, the 9 credits from the "shared" courses are re-applied to your BS and cannot be used or transferred to another graduate program.</p>	<p>You must finish your MS before your verification statement is issued (e.g. before you can apply to a DI).</p> <p>If there is a waitlist for DPD courses, priority will go to degree-seeking students first.</p>