



## School of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences

### Postgraduate Human Nutrition Information (H517, H511, H616, H714, H748)

Deakin University offers a suite of Postgraduate Human Nutrition courses which provide a solid foundation in human nutrition through a mix of core units and a range of electives which enable students to specialise in different areas of nutrition: public health nutrition, food industry, research and tertiary education, media and marketing, consulting and self-employment.

The questions below have been grouped into three categories – commencing students, currently enrolled students and completing students – to reflect the students they likely most apply to. This said, some questions may be applicable to students across more than one group, so please check all sections to see if your question has been answered elsewhere.

*Still have questions? Our [Student Advisers](#) can provide advice about course or unit enrolments and course progress.*

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## Commencing students

### What courses are available in Postgraduate Nutrition and which campus/modes are they offered in?

Most of the human nutrition courses are offered via the Cloud campus (online) study mode and can therefore be undertaken from anywhere in the world and around other commitments such as employment. H748 Master of Nutrition and Population Health is only available on campus. Students can enrol in part time mode (1–2 units per trimester) or full time mode (3–4 units per trimester). Read more on [how to enrol](#).

Course	Campus / mode	Total credit points	Credit points from		Expected course duration*	Course URL in online handbook
			Core units	Postgraduate elective nutrition units		
<u>H517</u> Graduate Certificate of Public Health Nutrition	Cloud (online) mode	4	4	0	0.5 years full time (if commencing in T1) or part time equivalent	<a href="http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/courses/course.php?course=H517">http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/courses/course.php?course=H517</a>
<u>H511</u> Graduate Certificate of Human Nutrition	Cloud (online) mode	4	3	1	1 year part time	<a href="http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/courses/course.php?course=H511">http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/courses/course.php?course=H511</a>
<u>H616</u> Graduate Diploma of Human Nutrition	Cloud (online) mode	8	4	4	1 year full time	<a href="https://www.deakin.edu.au/current-students/courses/course.php?course=H616">https://www.deakin.edu.au/current-students-courses/course.php?course=H616</a>
<u>H714</u> Master of Human Nutrition	Cloud (online) mode	12 (Option A)	7	5 <sup>#</sup>	1.5 years full time or part time equivalent	<a href="http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/courses/course.php?course=H714">http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/courses/course.php?course=H714</a>
		12 (Option B)	10	2 <sup>#</sup>		
<u>H748</u> Master of Nutrition and Population Health	Burwood (Melbourne)	16	16	0	1.5 years full time or part time equivalent	<a href="http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/courses/course.php?course=H748">http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/courses/course.php?course=H748</a>

\*longer course duration subject to approval

<sup>#</sup> up to 2 credit points may be chosen from approved postgraduate units offered by any faculty of Deakin University (subject to approval by the Course Director)

### How does H748 Master of Nutrition and Population Health differ from H714 Master of Human Nutrition?

H748 Master of Nutrition and Population Health is the newest course to join the suite of Postgraduate Nutrition courses at Deakin University and although it shares some similarities with H714 Master of Human Nutrition, there are several key differences between the two:

- mode: H748 must be taken at Burwood campus; H714 is only offered via the Cloud campus (online)
- credit points required to complete the course: H748 = 16 credit points (depending on undergraduate degree); H714 = 12 credit points
- course structure: H748 comprises 16 core units with no electives; H714 can be taken as either Option A (7 credit points from core units + 5 electives) or Option B (10 credit points from core units + 2 electives)
- intake: H748 commences in Trimester 1 while students can start H714 in any of Trimesters 1, 2 or 3
- entry requirements: H748 requires the successful completion of a three-year undergraduate degree, or equivalent, in any discipline from an approved university or other educational institution whereas to enrol in H714, students require successful completion of a three-year undergraduate degree, or equivalent, in the *same* discipline area (for example: science, health sciences, nutrition, food science, exercise science, biomedical science, medicine, allied health or nursing)

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The following information is correct as of February 2019.

Course summaries for [H748 Master of Nutrition and Population Health](#) and [H714 Master of Human Nutrition](#).

**I don't have a background in health or nutrition; which of the Postgraduate Nutrition courses can I apply for?**

If you do not hold a three year Bachelor degree or equivalent in the same discipline area (e.g. science, health sciences, nutrition, food science, exercise science, biomedical science, medicine, allied health or nursing), you will only be able to apply for H511 Graduate Certificate of Human Nutrition, H616 Graduate Diploma of Human Nutrition or H748 Master of Nutrition and Population Health. All of these courses are tailored for students with no prior knowledge of health or nutrition. H511 and H616 provide the essential knowledge and skills required to then advance onto H714 Master of Human Nutrition if you wish to pursue this path. H748 already has these essential nutrition units built into the course. If opting for H511 or H616, it is recommended you first complete the foundation units HSN701 Principles of Nutrition in trimester 1 (or trimester 3 if you are commencing in trimester 3) followed by HSN702 Lifespan Nutrition in trimester 2, as this will provide the fundamentals and ensure better development of nutrition knowledge and skills.

If you wish to apply for:

- H714 Master of Human Nutrition you must either:
  - hold a three year Bachelor degree or equivalent in the same discipline area (e.g. science, health sciences, nutrition, food science, exercise science, biomedical science, medicine, allied health or nursing); or
  - have completed H511 Graduate Certificate of Human Nutrition or equivalent.
- H517 Graduate Certificate of Public Health Nutrition you must satisfy one of the below:
  - hold an approved Bachelor degree with major studies in nutrition;
  - be a dietitian eligible for membership of the Dietitians Association of Australia; or
  - have completed H511 Graduate Certificate of Human Nutrition

**I don't have a three year Bachelor degree in any discipline; how much relevant professional experience would I need to be considered for entry into H511 Graduate Certificate of Human Nutrition, H616 Graduate Diploma of Human Nutrition or H748 Master of Nutrition and Population Health?**

If you have not completed a minimum three year Bachelor degree in any discipline, you will need to demonstrate at least two years (equivalent full time) relevant professional experience to be considered for entry into H511 Graduate Certificate of Human Nutrition, H616 Graduate Diploma of Human Nutrition or H748 Master of Nutrition and Population Health.

Examples of professional experience include but are not limited to:

- extensive experience as a nurse;
- currently working in the field of nutrition (e.g. employed as administration officer at a community health organisation but have been undertaking project officer roles in community nutrition programs/projects) without any formal qualifications; or
- currently working in the food industry without any formal qualifications.

Entry without a minimum three year Bachelor degree will be made at the Course Director's discretion.

If you have questions about your eligibility, please discuss with a [Student Adviser](#).

**I have completed H511 Graduate Certificate of Human Nutrition; what credit will I receive in H714 Master of Human Nutrition?**

Students who enrolled in H511 from 2015 onwards will have completed four units: HSN701 Principles of Nutrition, HSN702 Lifespan Nutrition, HSN749 Nutritional Biochemistry and Physiology and either HSN735 or one elective HSN7\*\* unit.

These four units are also included in H714 so you are not required to take these unit and you will be eligible for entry into a shorter 8 credit-point version of HSN714 Master of Human Nutrition.

For further information, please see:

- *I don't have a background in health or nutrition; which of the Postgraduate Nutrition courses can I apply for?*
- *I don't have a three year Bachelor degree in any discipline; how much relevant professional experience would I need to be considered for entry into H511 Graduate Certificate of Human Nutrition, H616 Graduate Diploma of Human Nutrition or H748 Master of Nutrition and Population Health?*

If you have questions about your eligibility for CPL or Preclusion, or enrolled in H511 prior to 2015, please contact a [Student Adviser](#).

### **What is the difference between a Nutritionist and a Dietitian and what does this mean for me?**

Nutritionists apply scientific principles and methods in the field of nutrition to influence the broad environment affecting food supply and eating behaviour, to enhance nutritional status and prevent chronic diseases. Nutritionists design, coordinate, implement and evaluate a range of population health interventions to improve the wellbeing of individuals, communities and the population as a whole, through better food and nutrition.

There are a diverse range of qualifications that can lead to people calling themselves a Nutritionist. A Nutritionist may have a Bachelor level degree with majors in nutrition, a postgraduate degree such as a Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, Master's degree or even a PhD specialising in nutrition.

Dietitians are health professionals specialising in food and nutrition who have received clinical training to prescribe special diets for medical conditions. Dietitians are trained to work in the clinical setting and currently it is their qualification which allows them to work as a Dietitian in a hospital, community or private practice setting. Dietitians are eligible for membership of the Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) and to participate in the Accredited Practising Dietitians (APD) and/or Accredited Nutritionist (AN) program. The titles APD and AN are protected by law so that only qualified practitioners who have met certain requirements can use them. Further information about this program is available from the [Dietitians Association of Australia](#).

To put this in perspective, as a Nutrition Consultant, you may advise people on healthy eating and preventative health, such as assisting an individual to obtain a balanced eating plan or health coaching to enable successful dietary habit changes and weight control. However, advice to people seeking assistance with allergies, intolerances or existing diseases (such as diabetes, cancer, IBS, Coeliac disease, cardiovascular disease) is outside your scope of practice and you would need to refer the client to an Accredited Practising Dietitian. There are also no Medicare or private health insurance rebates when an individual sees a nutritionist at present (See – *Will I be eligible to apply for a Medicare or Department of Veterans Affairs provider number and/or obtain provider status with private health insurers once I graduate?*).

The choice to become a Nutritionist or a Dietitian is one that can only be made by you and what you hope to achieve in the future.

Learn more about the [Master of Dietetics course at Deakin](#).

### **Will I be eligible to apply for a Medicare or Department of Veterans Affairs provider number and/or obtain provider status with private health insurers once I graduate?**

As a Deakin University Postgraduate Nutrition course graduate, you **may** be eligible for registration with the Nutrition Society of Australia (See – *How can I apply to be an Associate Nutritionist with the Nutrition Society of Australia?*) and while registration with the NSA shows recognition of your professional competency in nutrition, it does not authorise you to obtain provider numbers with Medicare or private health insurers.

Please refer to the [Nutrition Society of Australia website](#) for further information or queries about registration.

**What is the Master of Dietetics and where can I find more information about this?**

The Master of Dietetics is a three trimester (full time, on campus at Burwood) professional training program in dietetics that develops specialist skills related to the professional practice of nutrition and dietetics. It is accredited by the Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) and graduates are eligible for both full membership of the DAA and the Accredited Practising Dietitian (APD) program, allowing them to work in all areas of dietetics.

Find out more about [H718 Master of Dietetics](#).

**I am undertaking H511 Graduate Certificate of Human Nutrition to satisfy the nutrition prerequisites for H718 Master of Dietetics; is there anything I should know?**

If you are completing H511 Graduate Certificate of Human Nutrition or H616 Graduate Diploma of Human Nutrition in order to meet the **nutrition** prerequisites for H718 Master of Dietetics please note that:

- the four units that meet the food science and nutrition prerequisites for H718 Master of Dietetics are HSN701, HSN702, HSN703 and HSN735
- one of the core units in H511, HSN749 Nutritional Biochemistry and Physiology, is a *foundation* unit which is aimed at students with little to no background in biochemistry or physiology and **does not** meet the biochemistry or physiology prerequisites for H718 Master of Dietetics. If you have already completed studies in biochemistry and physiology, you should apply for preclusion for this unit (See – *What does 'Preclusion' mean and when is this relevant?*). This will then allow you to enrol in the other units required to meet the nutrition prerequisites.

Find out more about the entry requirements for [H718 Master of Dietetics](#).

**Are there any advantages to completing H714 Master of Human Nutrition compared to H511 Graduate Certificate of Human Nutrition?**

Students who graduate with a Master of Human Nutrition will have completed 12 units in nutrition and have a greater depth and understanding of nutrition. It is likely these students will be more competitive when applying for nutrition positions and increased eligibility to become registered with the Nutrition Society of Australia (See – *How can I apply to be an Associate Nutritionist with the Nutrition Society of Australia?*).

### **It's been a long time since I studied! What support is available to help me navigate the new online learning resources?**

If you are returning to university after a long break, you might be a bit nervous about how much it has all changed since you last studied – but you needn't be!

Deakin University offers a number of different support services and resources to help you make the most of your time as a student. All new students are automatically enrolled into [UniStart](#) which will assist you to learn more about studying at Deakin and to connect with other students and support services.

Face-to-face and online [UniStart orientation sessions](#) are also run at the beginning of each trimester. There are sessions covering a range of topics such as general study skills, how to study online and how best to use the library as well as a Faculty of Health Cloud Campus Orientation.

### **What career opportunities are there in nutrition and which electives should I choose to meet my career goals?**

Unless you have been granted a preclusion for one or more core units (See – *What does 'Preclusion' mean and when is this relevant?*), elective units are only available in H511 Graduate Certificate of Human Nutrition, H616 Graduate Diploma of Human Nutrition and H714 Master of Human Nutrition. There are many options to choose from and this also includes up to 2 credit points from approved postgraduate units offered by *any* faculty of Deakin University subject to approval by the Course Director (See Appendix 1) so it really depends on where your interests lie.

Regardless of the course you undertake, once completed, you will be well prepared to undertake professional roles across an exciting range of areas. Just as there are many elective options available in H714 and a wide range of units covered in H748, career opportunities are also diverse both in terms of job titles and employment settings – this is merely reflective of the breadth of nutrition as a field. For example, our graduates have secured employment in a variety of occupations and professions across a wide range of organisations, including public health nutrition, food industry, research and tertiary education, media and marketing, consulting and self-employment.

For further information on different career pathways and suggested elective units, [see our Careers website](#).

### **Am I eligible for FEE-HELP?**

A student may be eligible for FEE-HELP if they:

1. meet citizen and residency requirements, as defined by Department of Education and Training;
2. have a Tax File Number; *and*
3. have not exceeded the lifetime FEE-HELP limit.

Australian citizens meet the citizen and residency requirements. Some New Zealand Special Category Visa and Australian permanent resident visa holders are also eligible for FEE-HELP.

The FEE-HELP limit, as of 2017, is \$100,879 for students who are not undertaking courses in medicine, dentistry and veterinary science.

For further information on FEE-HELP, please [see the Study Assist website](#).

### **Am I eligible for Youth Allowance or Austudy with Centrelink?**

This depends on which course you decide to enrol in and whether you choose to study full or part time. At present, only full time students enrolled in the Graduate Certificates (H511 Graduate Certificate of Human Nutrition and H517 Graduate Certificate of Public Health Nutrition) are eligible for Youth Allowance or Austudy from Centrelink, provided they meet all other eligibility requirements.

At this point in time, H616 Graduate Diploma of Human Nutrition, H714 Master of Human Nutrition and H748 Master of Nutrition and Population Health are not eligible for Youth Allowance or Austudy from Centrelink.

Read more about [Youth Allowance](#) and [Austudy](#) as well as [other student support payments available](#).

**I previously completed H315 Bachelor of Food and Nutrition Sciences at Deakin University and have already completed the undergraduate versions of some of the core units (e.g. HSN701 Principles of Nutrition and HSN702 Lifespan Nutrition). Am I able to repeat these units to update my nutrition knowledge?**

This will depend on how long ago you completed these units. If you completed them 10 years ago, for example, the content will likely have changed considerably, so the 'incompatible with' unit rule may be waived to allow you to enrol in these units. If you only completed these units a year or two ago, then repeating these units will not be of benefit and you will not be allowed to repeat them.

The decision to waive the 'incompatible with' rule is made at the discretion of the Course Director. For assistance, please contact a [Student Adviser](#).

### **Is it possible to apply for Credit for Prior Learning?**

You are able to apply for Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) for equivalent postgraduate units completed at Deakin University or another university, TAFE or private tertiary education provider within the past 10 years. In some cases, CPL may also be granted if your qualifications were completed more than 10 years ago if you can demonstrate your continual involvement in the subject area or if you can demonstrate relevant professional experience – these may be labelled as 'unspecified'.

Please note:

- you are required to complete a minimum of one third of your course at Deakin University, or four credit points, whichever is the greater, unless you are enrolled in a Certificate, including Graduate Certificates, where a minimum of two credit points must be completed at Deakin.
- CPL cannot be granted for:
  - equivalent undergraduate units due to the higher standard expected at the postgraduate level; or
  - units that are no longer offered as part of the Postgraduate Human Nutrition courses.
- all CPL is subject to approval by the Course Director

See [Credit for Prior Learning](#) for further information or and information on how to apply.

### **What does 'Articulation' mean and when might this be relevant?**

Articulation is when you expect to complete your current course but choose to immediately enrol in a higher award, for example, if you are currently enrolled in H511 Graduate Certificate of Human Nutrition but wish to continue your studies and complete H714 Master of Human Nutrition instead.

If you wish to articulate up to a higher award, you should apply at least a month before you complete your final unit(s) in the lower award of your current enrolment.

For further information, please contact a [Student Adviser](#).

### **What does 'Preclusion' mean and when is this relevant?**

If you have previously completed similar undergraduate units at Deakin University or another university or institution, you may be required to take an alternate unit instead of being granted [Credit for Prior Learning](#) – this is known as Preclusion.

For example, if you had completed HSN202 Lifespan Nutrition as part of the Bachelor of Food and Nutrition Sciences at Deakin University, you will be granted a Preclusion from enrolling in the core unit HSN702 Lifespan Nutrition in H511 Graduate Certificate of Human Nutrition, H616 Graduate Diploma of Human Nutrition, H714 Master of Human Nutrition or H748 Master of Nutrition and Population Health and will be required to undertake an elective from the prescribed electives list instead.

If you have completed undergraduate Nutrition studies and would like to apply for a Preclusion, please contact a [Student Adviser](#).

## **Currently enrolled students**

### **How do I complete my examination when I am located interstate or overseas?**

All Cloud campus students are required to nominate their examination venue from the list of available venues when enrolling.

View all [Cloud campus exam locations](#) and check your nominated Cloud campus exam location by visiting [StudentConnect](#). Read more about [Assessments and Results](#).

### **How many hours of study do I need to undertake per unit?**

It is recommended that students devote 11–13 hours per week for each credit point unit to allow time for:

- reviewing unit materials;
- interaction via CloudDeakin;
- preparing for online tutorials; *and*
- completing assessment tasks (e.g. online MCQs, assignments, preparing for exams).

Undertaking two one credit point units or one two credit point unit equates to about 22–26 hours of study per week and is considered a part time study load.

### **I am interested in pursuing a career in research; which elective units should I complete?**

H714 Master of Human Nutrition consists of two Options; both comprise six core units (which include HSN715 Understanding Human Nutrition Research Studies and HSN719 Assessment Methods for Nutrition and Physical Activity Research) but Option A has only a small research component whilst Option B has a larger research focus. If you are considering a career in research, it would be recommended that you enrol in Option B of H714 Master of Human Nutrition, depending on your other interests.

In Option A you will complete one additional core unit in research – HSN753 Research Practice in Human Nutrition, with 5 additional credit points from electives of your choosing.

In Option B you will complete two additional core units in research that are each worth 2 credit points – HSN750 Nutrition Research Project Part A (literature review and research proposal) and HSN751 Nutrition Research Project Part B (research project) which leaves only 2 credit points to be attained from electives of your choosing. HSN750 and HSN751 combined with HSN715 and HSN719 are equivalent to an Honours project and upon successful completion, along with a mark of >70% for HSN751, are considered satisfactory to meet PhD entry requirements for Deakin University.

Find out more about the H714 course options and units in the [online handbook](#).

### **Can I enrol in five credit points during a trimester?**

Each credit point of study is estimated to require 11–13 hours per week (See – *How many hours of study do I need to undertake per unit?*). If you are enrolled in four credit points (requiring approximately 44–52 hours of study per week) you are already considered to be undertaking a full time study load.

Although you may request to overload your studies by enrolling in five credit points during a trimester (requiring approximately 55–65 hours of study per week), it is not recommended and is subject to approval by the Course Director.

To apply to overload your studies or discuss your situation further, please contact a [Student Adviser](#).

### **Can I study just one credit point each trimester or would that exceed my maximum period of candidature?**

Most courses at Deakin University need to be completed within a set timeframe to take into account the importance of the currency of knowledge in completing an award (See – *What is the maximum period of candidature?*). By undertaking only one credit point per trimester, you will exceed the maximum period of candidature.

However, we recognise that many students undertaking courses within Postgraduate Nutrition may also be working full time or have other commitments outside of university life. Provided you are making steady progress, even if at only one credit point per trimester, you may be allowed to continue to do so, despite exceeding the maximum period of candidature. Although it is worth bearing in mind that you may be contacted by the Academic Progress Committee to explain your circumstances.

To discuss your situation further, please contact a [Student Adviser](#).

### **Can I enrol in any elective units that are not offered by the School of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences?**

Students enrolled in H616 Graduate Diploma of Human Nutrition or H714 Master of Human Nutrition may enrol in a maximum of two credit points of level 7 units from any Faculty or School at Deakin University. These must be level 7 units that are offered in off campus mode (indicated by an (X) in the online handbook).

If you want to undertake up to a maximum of two credit points of level 7 units that are not part of the list of elective nutrition units (indicated by the course code HSN), remember:

- the Course Director will need to approve any unit chosen external to the School of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences *before* you enrol; please email your request to enrol in any external units to [health-enquire@deakin.edu.au](mailto:health-enquire@deakin.edu.au).
- to check for any prerequisite or cohort rules (for example, HSO709 Therapeutic Use of Self is only available to students enrolled in courses H605 and H705, so students enrolled in Postgraduate Human Nutrition won't be able to enrol in this unit).

Further information about enrolling in units outside the School of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences can be found in Appendix 1.

### **Is it possible to defer or intermit from my course?**

If you need to, you can postpone starting your course (defer) for up to two years as a domestic student, or one year as an international student. Read more about [deferring your offer](#).

You are able to intermit (suspend) your studies (without losing your place in the course) for a maximum of 12 months for the duration of the course. If you would like to intermit for longer than 12 months, you will need approval from the Course Director and supporting documentation may be required.

For more information, please contact a [Student Adviser](#).

### **Is it possible to exit my course early or with a different qualification?**

Provided you have met the requirements, you may be able to take an early or alternative exit to graduate with a lower award. For example, a student enrolled in H714 Master of Human Nutrition may opt to exit early and instead complete a Graduate Certificate of Human Nutrition ([H511](#)) or a Graduate Diploma of Human Nutrition ([H616](#)), provided they have satisfied all the course requirements.

Please note:

- you are not able to take an alternative exit to graduate with a lower award **and** immediately continue on with your current course
- if you opt for an alternative exit, you will be completing your course early by taking out a lower award
- you should apply to take an alternative exit **at least a month** before you complete your final

unit(s) If you wish to take an alternative exit, contact a [Student Adviser](#).

### **Can I do HSN719 Assessment Methods for Nutrition and Physical Activity Research during T1 or T2 instead of T3?**

At this stage, HSN719 Assessment Methods for Nutrition and Physical Activity Research is only offered during Trimester 3. If you're enrolled in H714 Master of Human Nutrition or H748 Master of Nutrition and Population Health, HSN719 is a core unit and you need to complete and pass it in order to graduate.

**How do I apply for HSN741 Postgraduate Nutrition Practicum and can this be studied overseas?**

Enrolment in HSN741 is done manually. If you wish to enrol in HSN741, you must email the Unit Chair on [hsn741@deakin.edu.au](mailto:hsn741@deakin.edu.au) to seek approval of your proposed practicum by the end of the teaching period in Trimester 1 at the latest.

It is possible to complete your practicum outside of Australia, although this is at the discretion of the Course Director and you will be required to assist with its organisation.

**How do I apply for the study tour unit (HSN760 International Perspectives in Food and Nutrition) and where can I find more information on this?**

HSN760 is run over Trimester 3 and only offers limited places. Selection for this unit includes a written application and personal interview.

Information about the upcoming study tour is generally available from the end of March on the Faculty of Health's [Enhance your study website](#) but further opportunities for studying overseas can also be found on the [Deakin Abroad website](#). A post relating to the Tour will also be made on the Postgraduate Nutrition CloudDeakin site. Applications usually close in April but please refer to the [Enhance your study website](#) for current information.

If you are considering applying for the study tour unit, you should first make sure that you have elective space in your course by contacting a student [adviser](#).

**What is the maximum period of candidature?**

The maximum period of candidature is calculated as two times the full time (n) load plus one additional trimester (2n+1). H714 Master of Human Nutrition is 1.5 years full time, so the maximum time allowed would be 3.5 years.

Please note:

- if you intermit from your course, the period of time you intermit from your course will not be counted towards the maximum candidature period (See – *Is it possible to defer or intermit from my course?*)

## **Completing students**

### **What postnominals will I be awarded for completing my course?**

The following postnominals are awarded for each of the courses:

- H511 Graduate Certificate of Human Nutrition – GCertHumNutr
- H517 Graduate Certificate of Public Health Nutrition – GCertPHN
- H616 Graduate Diploma of Human Nutrition – GDipHumNutr
- H714 Master of Human Nutrition – MHumNutr
- H748 Master of Nutrition and Population Health – MNutrPopHealth

For more information and guidance on how to use your postnominals, see the [Letters after your name](#) page.

### **How can I apply to be an Associate Nutritionist with the Nutrition Society of Australia?**

As a Deakin University Postgraduate Nutrition course graduate, you **may** be eligible for registration with the Nutrition Society of Australia (NSA). This provides a professional title, letters after your name (a postnominal), a dated certificate that represents recognition of your professional competency in nutrition from a scientific society and a listing on the NSA Register of Nutritionists.

In most cases the first step is to become an Associate Nutritionist (ANutr) however in some circumstances you may qualify for Registered Nutritionist (RNutr) or Registered Public Health Nutritionist (RPHNutr) status. Eligibility for registration as an ANutr, RNutr or RPHNutr depends on your undergraduate degree (for example, whether or not you completed a science based degree), postgraduate studies and experience. Once registered, you will need to complete a specified amount of continuing professional development (CPD) points to maintain your registration.

Please note:

- the NSA does not accredit courses; eligibility for registration depends entirely on your training (undergraduate/postgraduate degree(s)) and experience
- Deakin University has no influence over the registration process that the NSA provides
- registration with NSA does not allow you to obtain a provider number with Medicare or any other health care provider (See – *Will I be eligible to apply for a Medicare or Department of Veterans Affairs provider number and/or obtain provider status with private health insurers once I graduate?*)
- it is **not** mandatory to be registered as an ANutr, RNutr or RPHNutr to work as a Nutritionist; many graduates from our courses work in the area of nutrition without NSA registration.

For details about the registration process, please refer to the [NSA website](#).

### **I am about to complete my course; how can I make the most out of being a Deakin University graduate?**

There are many benefits to keeping in touch after you've graduated, for example:

- reduced fees for any postgraduate award courses you or your immediate family undertake;
- access to Deakin University libraries;
- invitations to alumni events; *and*
- other opportunities that arise through your alumni network.

To strengthen your nutrition network, join the [Deakin University Postgraduate Nutrition group on LinkedIn](#) to engage with past and present students and when you graduate, don't forget to become a Deakin Alumni member.

Find out more about:

- becoming a [Deakin Alumni member](#)
- the [reduced fees](#) offer
- joining the [Deakin University Postgraduate Nutrition group](#) on LinkedIn

## **Appendix 1: Units outside the School of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences**

If your course allows for electives to be chosen from outside the School of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences, you may wonder how to go about finding suitable units to consider.

Use these instructions to see what's currently available in other Schools and Faculties:

1. [Click here to search the online handbook](#)
2. Choose Advanced search
3. Leave the first three boxes blank but select:
  - Level: 7 - Unit of study from a postgraduate coursework program
  - Mode: Cloud (online)

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### Unit search

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Sort by  Code  Title

[Simple search](#)

4. You can refine your search further by selecting a preferred teaching period (e.g. Trimester3)
5. Click Search to bring up the postgraduate units offered at Deakin for your consideration

Depending on your areas of interest, there are a wide range of units you may like to consider. Some examples include:

<a href="#">ACA715</a> Creative Enterprise Project	<a href="#">ALW738</a> Editing
<a href="#">ADS701</a> Introduction to International and Community Development	<a href="#">ALW739</a> Publishing
<a href="#">ADS704</a> Community Development Theory and Practice A	<a href="#">HMF702</a> Healthy and Sustainable Agricultural Communities
<a href="#">ADS712</a> Food Security	<a href="#">HND701</a> Pathophysiology of Diabetes
<a href="#">ADS711</a> Non-government Organisations & other Development Actors	<a href="#">HND731</a> Learning and Teaching for Health Professionals
	<a href="#">HND732</a> Diabetes in Social and Psychological Contexts
<a href="#">AIP740</a> Policy Lessons from Overseas	<a href="#">HSH712</a> Alcohol, Tobacco, and other Drugs
	<a href="#">HSH703</a> Health Promotion
<a href="#">AIP748</a> Intergovernmental Relations	<a href="#">HSH704</a> Health Communication
<a href="#">AIP781</a> Political Communication	<a href="#">HSW705</a> Challenging Poverty and Social Exclusion
<a href="#">ALJ710</a> Multimedia Journalism	<a href="#">HSH724</a> Global Action for Healthy Cities and Communities
<a href="#">ALJ722</a> Investigative and Narrative Journalism	<a href="#">HSH744</a> Epidemiology 1
<a href="#">ALJ728</a> Feature Writing	<a href="#">MMS711</a> Introduction to the Sport Industry
<a href="#">ALR733</a> Advertising Theory and Practice	<a href="#">SRM781</a> Managing Change and Innovation
<a href="#">ALW730</a> Creative Nonfiction: the Personal Essay	<a href="#">SRP761</a> Ecological Cities and Futures

Don't forget:

- the above lists are not exhaustive – there are more than likely other units not listed that you may be interested in!
- to check for any prerequisite or cohort rules (for example, HSO709 Therapeutic Use of Self is only available to students enrolled in courses H605 and H705, so students enrolled in Postgraduate Human Nutrition won't be able to enrol in this unit)
- the Course Director will still need to approve any unit chosen external to the School of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences; please contact a [Student Adviser](#) to submit your request.