



**GRAND VALLEY  
STATE UNIVERSITY®  
CLINICAL DIETETICS**

[Master of Science in Clinical Dietetics - Grand Valley State University \(gvsu.edu\)](https://www.gvsu.edu/clinical-dietetics)

### Program Overview

Clinical dietetics is a five-semester program which results in the award of a master's degree and a verification statement for completion of supervised practice. Graduates are eligible to take the national registration examination offered through the Commission on Dietetic Registration. Upon successful passing of the examination the graduate is awarded the RDN credential. The program provides the opportunity for students to build on their broad knowledge and attain deeper comprehension and skill in practice. Specialized knowledge allows RDNs to be more competitive in practice now and in the future. This is a benefit not only to the practitioner, but also for his/her patients and clients.

### Coursework

The program consists of 52-55 credits and is taught in a hybrid format. Supervised practice sites are located throughout Michigan. • Nutritional assessment • Advanced medical nutrition therapy • Food, culture, and health environment • Food and culinary science • Research methodology • Health care regulation and policy • Nutrition education, counseling, and coaching • Research project or thesis

### Why Study Clinical Dietetics at Grand Valley?

- Hands-on learning in state-of-the-art facilities, including simulation, culinary lab, nutritional assessment, and human performance laboratories ensure experiential learning.
- Employment opportunities are expected to increase 15 percent by 2026, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Health care professionals with advanced degrees tend to attain a higher profile within their profession.
- A clinical nutrition manager with a master's degree earns an average of \$13 more per hour than an RDN with a bachelor's degree, according to the 2019 Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Compensation and Benefits Report.
- Accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, (312) 899-5400.

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