

Accelerated Bachelor's-to-Master's (ABM) Program
The University of Memphis
College of Health Studies (CHS)

Student's Name: _____

Date: _____ UUID: _____

Designate Your Undergraduate Program:

BS, Health Studies – Dietetics _____

Designate the Proposed Graduate Program:

MS, Nutrition – Environmental Nutrition _____

For students who work closely with their academic advisor in planning their course of study in the College of Health Sciences, this option offers the opportunity of simultaneously satisfying partial degree requirements for a bachelor's and a master's degree in an accelerated program of study. Upon completion of the undergraduate degree with a satisfactory undergraduate grade point average and a grade of "B" or better in all graduate courses completed, the student may move to full graduate student status, and the preapproved graduate courses taken as an undergraduate may be applied toward the pre-specified graduate program of study.

Students may use up to twelve (12) credit hours of designated courses in meeting the requirements of both the bachelor's and master's degrees. Undergraduate students will register for the 6000- or 7000-level courses, but fees will be levied at the undergraduate rate if the student does not have an undergraduate degree. A maximum total academic load of 15 hours is allowed during the semester in which any of the graduate courses are taken. Before applying for this program to the Graduate School, the student must:

Requirements Satisfied

- _____ 1) Have completed at least 18 hours of course work at UofM before taking courses as part of the ABM program
- _____ 2) Have a University of Memphis grade point average ≥ 3.25
- _____ 3) Be within 40 semester hours of undergraduate graduation
- _____ 4) Acquire written approval of the CHS Director of Academic Programs, the program coordinator(s) of the respective undergraduate and graduate programs, and the CHS Director of Student Services
- _____ 5) Submit an application for admission to the ABM Program, along with all necessary admissions documentation to the Graduate School using the deadline dates listed below as a guide.
- _____ 6) Complete and submit the Combination Senior application
<https://www.memphis.edu/gradschool/pdfs/forms/combinationsenior.pdf>

A maximum total of twelve (12) semester credit hours of preapproved graduate coursework may be considered for dual credit in the undergraduate and graduate degree programs and a maximum total academic load of 15 credit hours during the semester in which any of the graduate courses are taken. Graduate credit will be applied after the student graduates from the undergraduate program and is admitted into the specified graduate program.

Students interested in this option must meet in person with the CHS Director of Academic Programs, the program coordinator(s) for respective undergraduate and graduate programs in question, as well as the CHS Director of Student Services, and receive their written approval of the application. Final acceptance into the ABM program is

contingent upon approval by the Dean of the Graduate School (or designee). Approvals apply only for the specific programs and courses designated in the application. Stipulated graduate courses for the ABM program are the only ones for which students in the undergraduate program are eligible to enroll, and completion of all allowable graduate courses is optional.

For application materials, contact the CHS Director of Student Services for guidance at 901-678-5037 or go to https://www.memphis.edu/shs/students/admission_advising.php. Students may not apply online for the ABM program. Submit application materials to the College of Health Sciences no later than the following dates for optimal consideration:

April 15 for Fall term admission

October 15 for Spring term admission

April 15 for Summer term admission

After admission into the ABM program and satisfactory completion of stipulated coursework approved for the designated program of study, a **maximum of twelve (12) credit hours** from the following graduate courses may be applied to the program of study for both the undergraduate and graduate levels:

1) BS in **Health Studies** w/ concentration in **Dietetics** and MS in **Nutrition** with a concentration in **Environmental Nutrition**:

- NUTR 7182 – *Environmental Nutrition* → replaces **NUTR 4602 Community Nutrition**
- NUTR 7712 – *Cultural Foods and Nutrition* → replaces **HMSE 4999 Senior Project (based on projects completed in NUTR 7182/NUTR 7712 or if student participates in nutrition focused study abroad as an undergraduate)**
- HMSE 7010 – *Research Methods in Health Studies* → replaces **3 undergraduate elective hours**
- HPRO 7780 – *Health Counseling* → replaces **HLSC 4520 Health and Lifestyle Counseling**

ABM Application/Agreement Approvals

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Date</u>
Student →	_____	_____	_____
<i>Dietetics</i> Coordinator →	_____	_____	_____
<i>Environmental Nutrition</i> Coordinator →	_____	_____	_____
SHS Director of Student Services →	_____	_____	_____
SHS Director of Academic Programs →	_____	_____	_____