Masters Program
Nutrition (MPN)

MPN 5106 Scientific Writing (1)
Co-requisite(s): MPN 5210
This course introduces the evidence-based practice (EBP) analysis process and provides a structured format for students to begin interpreting and applying current research. Students will critically evaluate peer-reviewed journal articles, determine their appropriateness to the topic being addressed, and demonstrate the ability to write clear, concise, and coherent passages for future research project classes.

MPN 5110 Leadership I (1)
MPN 5110 Leadership I educates students on an overview of theoretical frameworks and concepts for the practice of leadership in organizations. Students have the opportunity to examine and discuss these theories and concepts and reflect on how they relate to the Army profession in a variety of environments. The theories and concepts in this course expand upon and complement leadership doctrine in ADP 6-22.

MPN 5120 Leadership II (1)
Pre-requisite(s): MPN 5110
MPN 5120 Leadership II builds on the foundation from Leadership I. It continues to educate students on an overview of theoretical frameworks and concepts for the practice of leadership in organizations. Students have the opportunity to examine and discuss these theories and concepts and reflect on how they relate to the Army profession in a variety of environments.

MPN 5121 Research Project I (1)
Co-requisite(s): MPN 5220
Pre-requisite(s): MPN 5106 and MPN 5210
The course continues the evidence-based practice analysis process initiated in Scientific Writing (MPN 5106). Students expand their detailed literature review outline into a complete narrative literature review document. Students identify one research topic theme to develop a research abstract and poster presentation that demonstrates their ability to articulate the evidence synthesized in a variety of forums.

MPN 5210 Research Methods I (2)
This course is the first in a series of two courses that, in conjunction with Scientific Writing, provide the foundational knowledge and skills required for successful completion and defense of student research projects. Research Methods I introduces students to basic and advanced concepts related to research design and statistics.

MPN 5216 Exercise Physiology (2)
Co-requisite(s): MPN 5231
Pre-requisite(s): MPN 5309 and 5314
Course uses lecture, discussion, and practical exercises to develop an in-depth, applied knowledge of factors affecting physical human performance. A range of topics is addressed, including muscle physiology, cardiovascular kinetics in physical activity, exercise energy metabolism, training adaptations, exercise/training recommendations, physiological testing theory and validity, and physiology in extreme environments.

MPN 5220 Research Methods II (2)
Pre-requisite(s): MPN 5106 and 5210
This course builds on the foundation of basic and advanced concepts related to research design and statistics attained in MPN 5210 Research Methods I. Students continue to gain an understanding of and interpret basic and advanced statistical analysis techniques. Students learn to perform these operations on SPSS statistical software.

MPN 5225 Public Health II with Lab (2)
Pre-requisite(s): Medical Nutrition Therapy I II, Public Health I
Public Health II expands on foundational concepts introduced in Public Health I, but now framing in a global perspective. Students are exposed to current and emerging issues in global and public health nutrition. They learn to recognize how health indicators, health disparities, and resource availability/accessibility influence the nutrition status of regions worldwide, with an emphasis on lower-middle income countries.

MPN 5231 Research Project II with Lab (2)
Pre-requisite(s): MPN 5106, 5210, 5220, 5121, 5316
This course continues the research process following Scientific Writing (MPN 5106) and Research Project I (MPN 5121). In small teams, students conduct a mock research study. The course is founded on experiential learning experiences that include developing a research plan and data collection code book, collecting data using a variety of nutrition-relevant tools, and cleaning and analyzing the dataset.

MPN 5240 Experiential Practice I Lab (2)
Pre-requisite(s): Comprehensive Oral and Written Examination for MPN
This course provides experiential learning to enrich competencies with a staff experience. There are several core leadership and management competencies that all MPN 5240 Experiential Practice I Lab students will complete during this course. However, students have the option to choose additional competencies that will be mutually agreed upon by faculty, preceptors, and students.

MPN 5303 Research Methods II (3)
Pre-requisite(s): MPN 5401
This course includes a combination of lecture and practical exercises that emphasize the steps and principles of research. Students will participate in all steps of research, working individually as well as in small groups. Steps include the protocol approval process, volunteer recruitment, data collection, data analysis/interpretation, and preparation of written and oral presentations of research findings.

MPN 5305 Protocol Development (3)
Co-requisite(s): MPN 5401
Students will explore topics for protocol development. Hypotheses will be generated and supported by literature reviews.

MPN 5307 Nutrition in Stability Operations (3)
This course is designed to provide students with in-depth knowledge of nutrition issues confronted in complex emergencies and within the developing world. Emphasis will be placed on micronutrient and macronutrient malnutrition, assessment of nutritional needs, nutritional surveillance and food distribution programs.

MPN 5309 Advanced Energy Metabolism (3)
Co-requisite(s):
Introduction to various energy disorders, energy metabolism, and bioenergetics; requires application of evidence-based practice in a variety of energy-related disease states and disorders; requires critical assessment of the validity and logic behind weight loss claims and advertisements; explores best practices for adult and pediatric weight management; and includes aspects of gene expression, nutrigenomics, and nutrigenetics.
**MPN 5311 Leadership and Management Development (3)**
This course is designed to explore a broad range of leadership topics and issues, and to help students develop their executive skills for future roles as managers in clinic and food service operations. Students will have the opportunity to examine their own leadership qualities and develop ways to improve them. Readings will cover both theoretical bases for leadership and practical strategies for effective leadership in the diagnosis, prediction, and analysis of human behavior in organizations.

**MPN 5314 Nutrition Care Process with Lab (3)**
Co-requisite(s): MPN 5207
This nutrition course prepares future registered dietitians nutritionists by providing foundational knowledge about the Nutrition Care Process (NCP).

**MPN 5336 Performance Nutrition with Lab (3)**
Pre-requisite(s): MPN 5309, MPN 5314, MPN 5231, and MPN 5216
Exercise Physiology
Course uses lecture, discussion, and practical experiences to develop an in-depth, applied knowledge of factors affecting physical and cognitive human performance. Proactive, active, and reactive components of a comprehensive performance nutrition concept are presented.

**MPN 5401 Research Methods I (4)**
This course is designed to introduce students to the basic and advanced concepts, techniques, and technologies used in the scientific inquiry of applied clinical research.

**MPN 5404 Advanced Nutrition and Critical Care (4)**
This course provides an in-depth review of the study and application of nutrition principles related to the critically ill patient with an emphasis on trauma and burn. Course includes lab.

**MPN 5407 Medical Nutrition Therapy I with Lab (4)**
Co-requisite(s): MPN 5314
This clinical nutrition course prepares future registered dietitian nutritionists by providing foundational knowledge of nutrition requirements and considerations for various populations.

**MPN 5409 Advanced Anatomy & Physiology (4)**
In this course, students will explore anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology of the gastrointestinal, urinary, respiratory, cardiovascular, endocrine and reproductive systems.

**MPN 5410 Force Health Protection (4)**
Course explores measures to promote, improve, or conserve Soldiers’ mental and physical well-being. Students will take a more in-depth and practical approach to evaluating operational Army unit capabilities and physical demands as well as interdisciplinary teamwork to achieve optimal health outcomes.

**MPN 5411 Effective Scientific Writing (4)**
This course introduces the evidence-based medicine analysis process and provides a structured format for interpretation and application of current research. The course develops and/or builds on skills to find relevant peer-reviewed journal articles for a specific topic; critically evaluate peer reviewed journal articles and determine their appropriateness to the topic being addressed; and write a clear, concise, and coherent literature review.

**MPN 5503 Nutrition and Performance (5)**
This course provides students with an in-depth knowledge of how nutrition variables can impact both physical and cognitive performance. Topics include exercise physiology, exercise screening, fuel mobilization (carbohydrate, fat, and protein), micronutrients (vitamins and minerals), hydration, body composition, supplements, and energy balance. Course includes lab.

**MPN 5504 Advanced Energy Metabolism (5)**
Co-requisite(s): MPN 5505
Introduction to various topics in energy disorders, energy metabolism, and biochemistry; apply evidence-based practice in a variety of energy-related disease states and disorders; critically-assess the validity and logic behind weight loss claims and advertisements; explore human weight management; familiarization with gene expression, nutrigenomics, and molecular diagnostics.

**MPN 5505 Medical Nutrition Therapy (5)**
The course uses lecture, discussions, case studies, and simulations to emphasize the implementation of the nutrition care process (NCP) and the provision of medical nutrition therapy (MNT) to patients with various disease states. The course emphasizes the technical skills needed for nutrition documentation, counseling, and education that includes multiple opportunities to practice interview and counseling.

**MPN 5522 Food Service and Management (5)**
Pre-requisite(s): Computrition Orientation
This course focuses on food safety and regulations as well as human resource management, institutional menu development, budgeting, finance, and food service equipment, layout and design. This course explores a broad range of leadership and food service topics and issues, and helps students develop their executive skills for future roles as military officers, leaders, and managers.

**MPN 5V99 Master's Research Project (1-9)**
Student will participate in a group research project (data collection, analysis, and presentation).

**MPN 5V99 Master's Thesis (1-9)**
Student will complete an individual research protocol (data collection, analysis, and presentation).