

Frequently Asked Questions

Master of Applied Nutrition (MAN) Program
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How are placements arranged?

There are three variables that are considered and balanced in arranging placements for a MAN student:

1. Experiences available from community partners;
2. The learning needs of the whole cohort;
3. The learning needs of an individual student.

A matrix of possible placement is created. Combinations of three (3) experiences from different community partners are grouped into learning pathways that will allow a student to meet the Integrated Competencies. These learning pathways are presented to and discussed with the MAN cohort. MAN students are asked to identify and explain their **top four** learning pathways. Following discussion with each individual student the learning pathways are assigned.

How long is each placement?

Each placement is 40 days long, totaling about 320 hours each (Classic MAN stream). If a student attends placement three days per week the placement will last 13 weeks. A student who attends placement four days per week would spend 10 weeks with a placement agency.

Students at GRH will complete 20 weeks (five 4-weeks) clinical rotations and 6-week placements in foodservice and population health.

Note: Daily scheduled hours vary depending on clinical rotation. Some rotations may be from 9am-3pm and others may be from 8am to 8pm.

How does the MAN program support and prepare students in light of the global pandemic?

- ✓ Students are offered virtual training opportunities.
- ✓ Students are presented with unique and creative projects to fulfil competency requirements.
- ✓ The MAN program equips students with a variety of tools to support them in future practice.
- ✓ Students will develop skills that will aid in navigating the evolving work environment.

What does a typical week in the program look like?

Mondays

7.5 hours of class

Graduate course work

Support from peers

Tuesday - Friday

30-40 hours at practicum

Practicum and school projects

Prep for practicum clients

Research portfolio

Research Experience in the MAN Program.

MAN students will engage in and document several elements of practice-based research throughout the program. These experiences will stem from applied assignments in graduate course work as well as from activities completed in practicum placements.

The Fundamentals of Dietetic Practice-Based Research course will provide the foundation for the practice-based research experiences with a focus on critical appraisal, quantitative methods, qualitative methods and quality improvement. The research dossier will be used to summarize and document experiences as well as provide a venue for student reflection on research experiences.

Additionally, the dossier be a research resource that students can bring forward to use and refer to in their careers as dietitians. The Fundamentals of Dietetic Practice-Based Research course will be discussed further in September.

Can a MAN student work while in the program?

Due to the workload from the graduate course work and placement, working while in the MAN program is not recommended. Some students in the past have worked a limited number of hours as part of their personal life-work balance plan.

Pathway	Fall Term	Winter Term	Spring Term
1	North Wellington Health Care	New Vison FHT	Homewood Health Care
2	St. Joseph Guelph	St. Joseph Hamilton	WDG Public Health
3	Lange Farm Village CHC	Credit Valley Hospital	College of Dietitians of Ontario
4	Cambridge Memorial Hospital	St. Joseph Guelph	Hamilton FHT
5	Niagara Health System	Niagara-on-the-Lake FHT	Ontario Public Health Association
6	John Nobel Home	Runnymede Health Care Centre	Four Villages CHC
7	Niagara-on-the-Lake FHT	Halton Health Care	Mother Raw

What are some examples of past learning pathways?

How does being placed at Grand River differ from other MAN students?

MAN-GRH Students will receive:

- ✓ 5 clinical rotations and a consolidation opportunity; examples of areas of **dietetic specialty include** renal, oncology, specialized mental health, complex care, and gestational diabetes.
- ✓ Exposure to RDs working cohesively with interdisciplinary teams to provide care for complex patients.
- ✓ Diverse clinical specialties offering unique research projects in clinical areas.

Additional Information about the MAN/GRH Experience

Clinical Rotations & Locations

GRH Students should have a strong desire to work in a hospital setting. Prior to beginning the program, students are given the opportunity to provide input on their areas of interest which are strongly considered when rotations are selected.

Most of your rotations will be completed at GRH, at either the main KW campus or one of the satellite locations. Foodservice management and population health rotations may be completed off-site.

Coursework

All coursework expectations are the same for both GRH-stream and classic MAN students. The end of each semester is very busy for GRH-stream students since assignments and projects are due, but placements continue; students in the general program are typically done their placements during the last few

weeks of the semester and are therefore able to focus more heavily on completing remaining coursework during this time.

Cambridge Memorial Hospital	Guelph/Eramosa Township	Maple Villa LTC
Canadian Celiac Association	Guelph Community Health Centre	Niagara PH
Canadian Sport Institute Ontario	Hacienda Sarria	North Durham Family Health Team
Diabetes Canada	Halton Health Care (Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital)	North York Family Health Team
Dietitians of Canada	Halton Hills Family Health Team	Taddle Creek Family Health Team
Dufferin Area Family Health Team	Hamilton PH	Trinity Village Care Center & Parkwood Mennonite Home
Edovivo and Food Venture Program	Heart and Stroke	University of Guelph HTM 3090 Restaurant Operations Management
Four Villages Community Health Centre	IBS Nutrition	University of Guelph HTM2700 – Understanding Foods Course
Gazelle Nutrition Lab	Jane Oulton & Associates	University of Guelph Hospitality Services
Grand River Hospital	Lang's Community Health Centre	Upper Grand Family Health team
Guelph Community Health Centre	Loblaw (Real Canadian Superstore - Whitby)	Villa Colombo Homes for the Aged (Extendicare)
Guelph Family Health Team- Diabetes Care Guelph	Loblaw (Zehrs - Uxbridge/Keswick)	Woolwich Community Health Centre
Guelph Food Innovation Centre	Loblaws (Bowmanville, Markham, Pickering, Toronto)	University of Guelph (Wellness@Work)
Guelph General Hospital	Loblaws Company Limited	



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