

FAQ's For the Master of Applied Nutrition Program

1. What is the difference between the classic MAN stream and the Grand River Hospital stream?

The main difference is that the GRH stream has a more clinically focused placements and spend more weeks in placement overall. See slides #9 and #14 for details. All nutrition care and management placements are done within the Grand River hospital – students spend more time in clinical placements, whereas the classic MAN stream spend 10-13 weeks in all three areas (Nutrition Care, Management, Population Public Health) equally.

Applicants interested in the GRH stream 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.

2. Do we require 2 academic references and one non-academic reference?

Yes, there are separate forms for your academic references, and your non-academic references. See slide #4 for more information.

3. Do we get to choose our placements with the classic MAN stream?

Each year, our community partners let us know when they can accommodate students. From this, a list of pathways is created (each pathway contains three placements). Students can then rank their choice of pathways (usually we ask for their top 3 or 4) with some rationale of choices and then we try as best we can to accommodate. See slide #13 for a few sample pathways.

4. Are there exams in the MAN program? Or only assignments?

There are only assignments from the courses you take on Mondays. For a list of courses see slide # 8.

5. How many students get jobs from their placement?

Yes, several MAN students have secured employment where they trained. We have a very good percentage of students (56% in 2021) who were employed right out of the program.

6. Are the current courses we are taking in 4th year included in the overall average when we apply?

No, the only courses that are included in your average are those with a final grade on your transcripts.

7. Can we work on our application over time, or do we need to submit everything at once?

No, you can work on your application over time. Keep in mind the deadlines listed on the [FRAN website](#).

8. Do we get to see reference letters before they are sent to the program?

No, reference letters are meant to be confidential – and get sent straight to our admin contact here at U of Guelph.

9. What are the application requirements for the program?

The admission requirements can be found [here](#).

10. How many spots are available next year?

The 2022-23 cohort will be between 20 and 23 students.

11. How do I calculate my admission average?

The Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies has information on [how to calculate your admission average](#).

12. Why is access to a car important?

Placements for classic MAN students can be in many locations (KW region, GTA, North Wellington, Hamilton etc) where there is no regular public transit. For MAN-GRH students, the Population Public Health placements are frequently not on public transit routes.