# **Nutrition Science** for Health and **Longevity:**What Every Clinician **Needs to Know**



**Essential Nutrition Knowledge for the Next Generation of Physicians** 

Updated for 2025

A clinical nutrition course from the

## Gaples > Institute

### **NOW REQUIRED** in these world-class medical schools:

**Harvard University Johns Hopkins University Tufts University University of North Carolina Uniformed Services University** University at Buffalo **University of Texas Southwestern University of Nebraska Texas Tech** 

I have reviewed the entirety of the course and can attest that it is based on solid evidence that should be part of what every medical student learns.

Walter Willett, MD, DrPH Professor of Epidemiology & Nutrition, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Developed by an educational nonprofit with no commercial interests or dietary biases

- Condensed, evidence-based nutrition science, divided into four engaging, self-paced modules
- 20+ realistic clinical scenarios plus Interactive knowledgechecks with customized feedback
- Practical tools for rapid clinical implementation
- Direct links to 180+ medical literature references and printable reference lists you can keep
- Downloadable summaries, an interactive patient-education resource, and reproducible patient handouts

### Module 1:

### WHY NUTRITION MATTERS IN MEDICINE

- Why Poor Nutrition is a Health Crisis
- Clinician Self-Care and Important Ways to Maintain Resilience
- Nutrition and High-Potency Weight-Loss Drugs
- The Magnitude of Benefit Possible from a Healthy Diet
- Focus on Whole-Food Diets
  - Heritage Diets and Importance of Cultural Adaptations
    - Evidence of How Diet Can Improve Health Conditions Including Diabete's, Heart Disease, and More

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I have taught nutrition to medical students, residents, and fellows for 45 years. How I wished I had had an educational tool such as this.

Neil Stone, MD Bonow Professor of Medicine, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

8,000 clinicians have enrolled.

> said it will change their practice.

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# MODULE 2: DIETARY FATS AND PATIENT HEALTH

- Saturated Fats: Importance of Healthful Replacements
- Polyunsaturated Fats, Including the Forms of Omega-3 and What They Do
- Cholesterol: Sources and Health Risks
- Monounsaturated Fats and Their Effect on Health and Cardiovascular Risk
- Cultural Considerations for Dietary Fat Recommendations
- Oils and High-Temperature Cooking

# MODULE 3: HELPING YOUR PATIENTS UNDERSTAND CARBOHYDRATES & PROTEIN

- Carbohydrates: Why They're Important and Key Dietary Sources
- Carbohydrates: Chemistry and Food Sources
- Understanding Glycemic Load
- What is a Whole Grain?
- Cultural Considerations for Whole Grain Recommendations
- Fiber: A Marker of Dietary Quality
- Alcohol and Health
- Dietary Protein: Availability from a Wide Variety of Food Sources
- Sodium and Calcium: Sources and Recommended Quantities

# How Quickly Can Diet Act? Benefits are often realized quickly. In the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) trial, the treatment group consumed 8-10 servings daily of combined vegetables and fruit, and low fat dairy. After just 2 weeks, those with baseline hypertension had a significant drop in blood pressure. The reduction was sustained throughout the study period, averaging 11 mmHg!

# Student skills in counseling standardized patients have improved noticeably now that they have confidence in their knowledge of nutrition concepts and how they connect to disease and health.

As an educator, I appreciate the deliberate inclusiveness of a wide variety of patients, and fundamental grounding in updated evidence.

- Deb Erlich, MD

Master of Medical Education, FAAFP Family Medicine Clerkship Director and Associate Professor, Tufts University School of Medicine

# MODULE 4: COUNSELING YOUR PATIENTS ABOUT NUTRITION

Module 4 is a **capstone skill-building experience** to help you put into practice the nutrition knowledge gained in the previous three modules.

- Food Insecurity and Your Role as a Clinician
- Popular Diets: Definitions and Scientific Status
- The 3 Skills of Motivational Interviewing
- Counseling With Cultural Sensitivity and Adaptations
- Strategies for Rapid Nutritional Counseling
- How Clinician Resilience and Self-Care Affect Patient Care
- More than 20 patient Q&A scenarios covering a wide variety of clinical examples

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