The Admissions process for the Nutrition and Dietetics programme consists of 2 stages.

Stage 1. Preliminary Shortlisting

Applications received from UCAS are initially considered on the basis of academic achievement, achieved/predicted grades and health care related work experience. Applications who do not meet the minimum requirements will be rejected at this stage. We also check references at this stage.

We would welcome an application from you if you are keen to pursue a career as a registered Dietitian and your personal statement on your UCAS application form demonstrates your understanding of the role of a dietitian and your motivation to qualify as one.

We would strongly recommend you gain relevant work experience/attend a Taster Day (see below) to provide you with the necessary information to help you make an informed decision as to whether Dietetics is the right career for you. The role of a Dietitian is varied and specialisms can include (but are not limited to) cardiology, diabetes, eating disorders, food allergies, gastrointestinal disorders, maternal/paediatric, oncology, renal and weight management in either an acute or community setting in clients of all ages.

We advise either speaking to or shadowing a Dietitian or attending a Taster Day hosted by a hospital or University You should reflect on what you have learnt from your experience and how this helped you to gain a deeper understanding of the role of a Dietitian which is distinct from that of a Nutritionist.

You may also wish to refer to the British Dietetic Association website and the NHS Core Values for more information.

We advise you reflect on your relevant transferrable skills and how you can evidence these along with demonstrating how you could meet the NHS core values. We will consider experience gained through a role of responsibility within school, for instance as a student mentor, leader in a society, a Prefect or Head Girl or Head Boy/or from your present employment. Other roles which can offer the opportunity to develop transferrable skills can include a part time job, for those not in regular employment, voluntary work in a nursing home or caring for individuals or groups in the wider community or caring for members of your family.

Applicants who pass the preliminary shortlisting will be invited to interview.

Stage 2 - Multiple Mini Interviews

Once short-listed for interview you will be sent an invitation to an interview day at the University of Surrey Stag Hill Campus. Interviews will take place between November 2018 and April 2019.
Candidates will undertake a Multiple Mini Interview cycle that lasts approximately 30 minutes. An interview cycle consists of 6 mini interviews. Each MMI cycle comprises of six, four minute stations; each station poses question or provides a scenario/ task to assess a specific competency or characteristic.

Candidates will be assessed and independently marked against agreed criteria on each of the MMI stations and placed within one of three categories:

1: Offer

2: Hold in waiting list

3: Reject

All offers are made subject to satisfactory Occupational Health clearance and appropriate vaccinations. For more information regarding required health & fitness standards for practising as a dietitian, please refer to the Health & Care Professions Council website. Successful applicants will also have to clear a DBS (Disclosure and Barring System) check.

Waiting Lists Candidates who are held (category 2) may at any stage receive an offer as places become available later in the interview cycle.

All formal offers will be made through UCAS and we aim to get all decisions to applicants by March/ April to ensure applicants have time to consider offers before the UCAS decision deadline of 4th May 2019.

Those who fall into category 3 will be rejected by the same date.