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PREFACE

How to use this text

When faced with new information, students usually wonder one thing:

“WILL I EVER NEED TO KNOW THIS IN THE REAL WORLD?”

Whether it's the cosine of an angle, Kepler's laws of planetary motion, or the enzyme responsible for forming citrate, students' most common questions about what they're learning are:

“Will this be on the test?”

“Will I ever need to know this again in my life?”

We, the authors, know these questions well. We've asked them ourselves, most often during our own high school, undergraduate, and graduate studies.

So now, as instructors living in the “real world”, we'd like to level with you: Probably not.

Unless you become an engineer, you probably won't need the cosine stuff. Unless you go to work for NASA, you can probably forget Kepler. And the Krebs cycle? Well, you won't need that unless you teach biochemistry.

SO WHY LEARN ALL THIS INFORMATION?

Well, most of us don't know what we want to be when we grow up. Work (and life) is full of surprises.

You never know what career path you'll follow, or what hobbies you'll take up.

Be prepared for anything. Learn as much foundational knowledge as possible. Now you have options.

But there's another, more inspiring, reason for learning this stuff.

It's actually kinda interesting. It helps explain your world. And makes you super-fun at parties.

In fact, when you really dig into this knowledge, you might just change what you want to do for a living because of it.

WHAT THIS MEANS

In this program, we'll provide a lot of foundational knowledge.

We give you more details below.

This foundational knowledge — about stuff like cells, digestion, metabolism and whatnot — can feel a little heavy at times. Especially if you're new to this material. Or you're a practical, hands-on kind of person who would rather spend more time doing than reading.

Hang in there.

The payoff comes in the second unit, where that foundational information gets applied.

We'll give you case studies. Strategies for working with real-world clients. Questionnaires and assessments to use with your clients. Psychological strategies for getting clients excited about working with you. And all kinds of other fun things.

Even if you'll never use the more theoretical material we teach you, you'll still need to know the science to apply it under "test conditions" — in other words, when you're sitting across from a client.

By the end of this course, we expect you to understand:

- how the body works;
- how to apply that knowledge to working with clients;
- how to assess, monitor, and revise client programs;
- how to communicate your knowledge effectively; and
- how to get your clients on board with your nutrition plans and programs — hopefully feeling just as inspired as you about making progress and changing their nutrition habits.

How the Level 1 Certification program is organized

This certification course is split up into two units.

UNIT 1: NUTRITION SCIENCE

In Unit 1, we'll go through all the nutrition information you'll need to know, such as:

- How and why your cells work the way they do
- How carbohydrates, **fats**, vitamins, minerals, and other **nutrients** interact with your cells
- How food becomes energy for maintenance functions, physical work, and repair
- How your body balances out the food you eat with the work it does
- How exercise affects nutritional needs and how nutrition affects exercise

FATS

Also known as triglycerides. Derived from glycerol and three fatty acids.

UNIT 2: NUTRITIONAL PRACTICE

In Unit 2, we'll introduce you to how to coach, including:

- What it means to be a good coach
- How to prepare for clients
- How to interact with different clients
- How to assess clients
- How to know which approaches are best for which clients
- How to meet clients where they are (not where you want them to be)
- How to keep clients progressing from day one until they reach their goals

NUTRIENTS

Biochemical substances used by the body that must be supplied in adequate amounts from the diet.

Other learning tools

Throughout the textbook, look for things like:

CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

Each chapter contains clear objectives at the beginning. This will tell you what to focus on, and give you goals before you even start reading.

CHAPTER SUMMARIES

At the end of each chapter, we'll summarize the most important points from that chapter. These will confirm that you've learned what really matters, and give you another handy tool for review.

CHAPTER QUIZZES

At the end of each chapter, we'll give you your quiz. No waiting until the end of the program to cram and regurgitate. One chapter, one quiz.

Quizzes contain a mix of multiple choice and true / false-style questions.

You can find your quiz on your coaching homepage online at my.precisionnutrition.com.

KEY TERMS

The first time a key term appears in the text, it is highlighted and a definition provided in the margin. Familiarize yourself with each key term.

CASE STUDIES

Most chapters end with relevant case studies. These give you “real-life” examples of applied nutrition.

Each story describes a client's nutrition challenges, then provides practical solutions to work through these challenges.

REFERENCES

We'll provide a comprehensive list of references used to create this certification. If you're interested in learning more about nutrition and health, you can look up and read more of this primary source literature.

RECOMMENDED READING AND RESOURCES

Excited to learn more? We hope you are.

Throughout the text and on your coaching homepage online, we suggest more material to read and explore.

How to focus your learning

Just like coaching or training, learning should be focused and systematic, with a clear purpose.

Here are some ways to stay on track and on target with your Level 1 journey.

LEARN WHAT YOU NEED TO LEARN

You know your own learning style. (And if you don't, now's a great time to discover it.)

Help yourself succeed by building a system that suits you.

Use as many ways of processing the material as possible: reading, writing, thinking and reflecting, listening, watching, talking about the material, drawing maps and flowcharts of ideas, etc.

We suggest completing one chapter per week as follows:

1. Read the chapter. (textbook)
2. Watch the video. (online)
3. Answer the workbook questions. (study guide)
4. Review the FAQs. (online)
5. Take the chapter quiz. (online)

Access the online course at my.precisionnutrition.com

Set up a **weekly** self-study schedule so you get into a routine. Consistency and structure **will** help you move forward steadily and confidently.

However, **while** we suggest one chapter per **week**, the program is completely self-paced. Our online learning management system allows you to move as quickly or slowly through the material as you like.

One chapter a day, one chapter a **week**, one chapter a month, one chapter a **year**; it's completely up to you. However you choose to do it, take charge of your own learning process and set yourself up for success.

FOCUS ON KEY CONCEPTS

As the scientists **working** on the 1999 Mars lander mission found out **when** their precious spacecraft **wandered** off into oblivion because they mixed up imperial and metric measurements, details are important.

But details usually aren't the most important things in this program. You don't have to memorize entire chapters, nor usually recall minute details (such as the exact body density equation by Jackson & Pollock).

As long as you learn the concepts and study as we recommend, you have a great chance of doing **well** on the quizzes.

Plus, you'll **always** have your text available for reference. If you get stumped during a quiz or a client interaction, you can always look things up.

It's more important to **know** how to think. **How** to learn. **How** to connect ideas.

And to understand **why** things are important (and **how** they relate to one another) than to recall specific details. (Unless detail memorization is your thing. Then go for it.)

What to look forward to

If you **show** up consistently, ready to learn and grow, and if you **engage** with this material using all the learning methods that **work** best for you, then this course **will** make you a better coach.

Seek to master both the basic science (Unit 1) and the applied art of coaching (Unit 2).

If you do, you'll finish this program as a highly trained professional **with** the knowledge to support your recommendations; the ability to communicate them effectively and **well**; and a foolproof system for delivering outstanding, reproducible results.

Let's get started.

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