



# NP 150 Part II: Mechanisms in the Diet-Mental Health Relationship (DMHR) (CAMFT)

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**NP 150 Part II** explores the physiological, psychological, behavioral, social, and environmental mechanisms influencing the DMHR. Learners uncover how stress, immune function, emotional and cognitive patterns, social contexts, and environmental factors dynamically interact within the diet-mental health relationship to influence eating behaviors, psychological experience, and brain and mental health outcomes.

**Module 5** explores **psychoneuroimmunology**, highlighting the interactions between stress, the nervous system, and immune responses and the role of diet in modulating these processes to impact mental health. It investigates stress as both a physiological and psychological response, focusing on how early-life stress shapes dietary choices and mental well-being and the bidirectional relationship between stress and eating behaviors.

**Module 6** explores the **psychological and behavioral mechanisms** that shape our relationship with food, focusing on how emotions, cognition, and habits influence dietary choices and mental well-being. It examines emotional eating, body image, cognitive distortions, mindfulness, and how habit formation, reward systems, and psychological dynamics like food noise and food addiction impact eating behaviors.

**Module 7** explores the **social and environmental mechanisms** influencing the relationship between diet, mental health, and resilience (DMHR), moving beyond individual mechanisms to focus on broader contexts, including the interconnections between socioeconomic factors, cultural influences, social support, food environments, and urbanization on dietary choices and mental health outcomes.

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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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| Define <b>psychoneuroimmunology</b> and its role in DMHR  | Define the habit loop and state two of its neural pathways                                       |
| State two implications of prolonged activation of the <b>HPA axis</b> on mental health                        | Define <b>food addiction</b> and describe three of its components                                |
| Identify three ways the microbiota-gut-brain axis (MGBA) is physiologically linked to <b>stress responses</b> | Define <b>food noise</b> and identify three intrusive food-related thoughts associated with it   |
| Identify one way <b>stress</b> influences dietary choices and one way diet affects stress responses           | List the major regions involved in the <b>brain's reward system</b>                              |
| Define <b>emotional eating</b> and state three common triggers for this behavior                              | Identify three negative effects of <b>food marketing</b> that influence dietary intake behavior. |
| Identify three <b>cognitive distortions</b> that can negatively impact dietary habits                         | Identify three factors related to <b>economic accessibility</b> impacting the DMHR               |
| Name three <b>mindfulness practices</b> and their effects on eating behaviors                                 | Define dietary <b>acculturation</b> and identify two DMHR implications                           |
|   | State two ways <b>loneliness</b> impacts eating patterns   |

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## COURSE DETAILS AND POLICY

Target Audience: Mental health and nutrition professionals wanting to understand the evidence-based connection between diet and mental health.

This course can be taken alone, or as part of the Certificate in **Biological Mechanisms in Nutritional Psychology (NP-M)**. Courses in this Certificate include **NP 120 Part I**, **NP 120 Part II**, **NP 150 Part I** and **NP 150 Part II**.

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