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Dietetic Internship (DI)* Program Information Sheet

Mission

The mission of the Dietetic Internship program is to prepare competent entry-level dietitians for positions in clinical, foodservice, and community nutrition to better serve individuals and their families, particularly in North Carolina. The program provides a curriculum with supervised practice in order to complete the Post-BS Certificate – Dietetic Internship program. The DI program is structured to provide diverse learning opportunities within the state that enable each student to further develop and apply their knowledge and skills in order to provide quality nutrition care in diverse practice settings. The learning environment helps promote intern understanding of the importance of self-reflection, oral and written communication, problem solving, teamwork, life-long learning, and service to the profession and the community.

Goals

1. The program will prepare competent entry-level practitioners who obtain employment in dietetics-related positions.
2. The program will encourage the development of life-long learning.
3. The program will prepare graduates who demonstrate a commitment to professional and community service.

Application Deadline: The DI program at UNCG participates in the computer matching process and the preselection process. All undergraduates and non-UNCG graduate students will use the computer matching process. **The deadline for the April 2012 computer match is February 15, 2012.** (UNCG participates in the DICAS application system.)

The Preselection option is for current UNCG graduate students. Up to 10 qualified graduate students per year may be selected for the DI program. **Application does not guarantee acceptance.** The remaining number of positions will be filled through the computer matching process. For those who plan to participate in the preselection process, January 6, 2012 is the postmark deadline for applications. The applicant will be notified on or before January 25, 2012 confirming acceptance or rejection into the program through the preselection process. If preselected, the applicant will be required to complete a form including social security number and original signature. This form must be submitted by January 30, 2012 to Ms. Babbi Hawkins. Ms. Hawkins will then notify D&D Digital Systems, Inc., that preselected applicants will not participate in the computer matching process.

Entrance Requirements (Minimum selection criteria):

A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university with completion of the Didactic Program in Dietetics is required by the CADE*. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in nutrition, foods, food science, foodservice management, chemistry, biochemistry, biology, and physiology, and microbiology courses is required. Varied work experiences in dietetics and/or foodservice are preferred. Applicants will be evaluated based upon their academic performance, work/volunteer experiences, letters of reference, and statement of professional goals. Applicants must also take the GRE and have their scores sent to us prior to the February application deadline. The selection process is highly competitive. Due to a limitation in the number of placements that can be made for a given year, not all applicants who meet the minimum requirements may be selected.

Prior Learning: No credit given/ no reduction in supervised practice hours for previous work or volunteer experiences.

Starting Date: Third week of August according to the University Calendar.

Length of DI Program: 2 semesters (9 weeks on campus followed by 27 weeks of supervised practice experience)

Number of DI Students: Class size has averaged 12 over the past four years.

Site Placement: Site affiliations are located throughout North Carolina and interns will interview with several site directors and their staff in early fall in order to obtain specific placement for the supervised practice experience. Acceptance into the DI program does not guarantee placement for supervised field experiences at sites in the Greensboro/Winston-Salem metropolitan area. The Program Director cannot guarantee that each intern will receive a placement of her/his preference. Interns who are dissatisfied with placement can re-interview or withdraw from the DI program.

*The Dietetic Internship at UNCG is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE) of The American Dietetic Association. CADE is recognized by the United States Department of Education. This recognition affirms that CADE meets the national standards and is a reliable authority on the quality of nutrition and dietetics education programs. The address and phone number of CADE are: 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, 312-899-0040.

Work Responsibilities: The work week during the supervised practice experience is a minimum of 40 hours. Interns are expected to utilize evenings and weekends to study or complete assignments and projects.

Holidays: While on campus for the two courses in the fall, the DI program follows the University Calendar. Holidays are: Labor Day (1) day; Fall Break (2) days. After placement in the supervised practice program, interns will follow the schedule established for them by the respective site (i.e., the University Calendar no longer applies.)

Health Insurance: Each intern must have health insurance. Interns may elect to participate in the UNCG sponsored group insurance policy, or be insured with his/her parents or spouse.

Liability Insurance: Each intern must have Liability insurance coverage of \$1/\$3 million through Marsh Affinity Group Services (1-800-323-2106, ext. 3; or www.proliability.com) for \$35 per year. It must be obtained prior to placement.

Criminal Background Check: Required. Interns are responsible for obtaining this immediately prior to placement, using the agency contracted by the UNC system.

Urine drug screen test: Required. Interns are responsible for obtaining this at the agency identified by the DI program.

Travel: Because the affiliations where interns are placed are located throughout North Carolina and public transportation is very limited, each intern will need a car and must carry sufficient automobile insurance coverage for collision and liability. Transportation costs vary depending on intern's home location and their supervised practice sites.

Housing: Interns are responsible for their own living arrangements and costs.

Uniforms: Each DI intern will provide his/her own laboratory coats to be worn over appropriate street clothes and will need white uniforms and non-skid shoes for food production in affiliations which require them.

Stipend: None

Financial Aid: This is a post-BS certificate program so that interns are eligible for limited subsidized loan amounts. Additional unsubsidized loan funds are available for students defined as independent from their parents or those over 24 years of age. (for Stafford Loans, see <http://aessuccess.org/apply.index.shtml>)

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| <u>Fees:</u> DI application service charge | \$ 55.00 |
| DI User Fee (pay after admitted to program) | \$200.00 |
| <u>Estimated</u> tuition and fees (15 credits) | |
| NC resident (2011-2012) | \$ 4,580.00 |
| Non-resident (2011-2012) | \$15,277.00 |
| Liability Insurance (www.proliability.com) | \$35.00 |
| Personal Health Insurance | Variable |
| Housing | Variable |
| Transportation | Variable |
| Uniforms/Lab coats/non-skid shoes | \$150.00 |
| Textbooks (estimate) | \$400.00 |
| Intern membership in ADA (must become a member/maintain membership for program completion) | \$50.00 |
| Vaccinations (TB and Hepatitis B)/physical exam/drug testing | Variable |
| NC Dietetic Association Annual Meeting Registration (estimate) | \$90.00 |
| Criminal Background Check (required) | \$10 - \$20 |
| Urinary drug screening | \$43.00 |
| RD Exam Review Course/Materials (recommended) | ~ \$380.00 |

Registration Schedule:

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| <u>Fall:</u> | | <u>Spring:</u> | |
| NTR 602* | 3 credits | NTR 606A | 3 credits |
| NTR 693* | 3 credits | NTR 606B | 3 credits |
| | | NTR 606C | 3 credits |

***Note:** Interns must achieve a grade of B or better in these two courses in order to begin the supervised practice experience at the Dietetic Internship supervised practice sites.