

UNCG Post-BS Certificate-Dietetic Internship (PBC-DI) Program Options

Post-BS Certificate-Dietetic Internship:

Our accredited dietetic internship program requires 15 graduate credit hours of coursework. The internship is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE) of The American Dietetic Association. The program accepts 12-15 interns annually. After completion of the two didactic courses at UNCG in the fall semester, students are placed at their supervised practice sites and the program faculty travel to monitor the interns at their placement sites. Students and program faculty communicate by email, phone, and Blackboard (course management program). Placement sites are located throughout North Carolina, with only a few placements available in Greensboro. As the majority of sites are not accessible by public transportation, students need a car, a valid driver's license, and insurance as required by North Carolina law. With the guidance of DI program faculty, students interview for placement site selection during the fall semester while they are taking classes at UNCG.

The program currently consists of a total of 1130 hours, with 90 hours of didactic coursework in the fall semester followed by 1040 hours of supervised practice experience (26 weeks x 40 hours per week). The program emphasizes generalist dietetics for the internship. The internship supervised practice experience rotation schedule for our program is:

Rotation	Time Frame (40 hrs/wk on site)*	Supervised Practice Sites
Management	9 weeks (360 hours)	Hospitals, Long-term care facilities/retirement communities, child nutrition programs (schools)
Clinical	9-15 weeks (360-600 hours)	Hospitals
Community	3-9 weeks (120-360 hours)	Health Departments, varied outpatient clinics (Cardiac Rehab, Renal Dialysis, Diet and Fitness centers, etc), wellness programs

*1 day/month of sick leave or personal time included as part of schedule during supervised practice rotations (students do not follow University calendar after placements begin)

Curriculum for PBC-DI only: (15 credits)

Fall semester: NTR 602 Introduction to Clinical Dietetics 3 credits
 NTR 693 Advanced Medical Dietetics 3 credits

Spring semester: NTR 606A Practicum in Clinical Dietetics: Management 3 credits
 NTR 606B Practicum in Clinical Dietetics: Clinical 3 credits
 NTR 606C Practicum in Clinical Dietetics: Community 3 credits

[Note: Interns beginning their site placements in early January will complete their program by mid-July and graduate from UNCG in August. Interns who can begin their site placements in early November can complete their program by mid-May and can graduate in May.]

Sample Curriculum for MS (non-thesis option) + PBC-DI: (40 credits minimum)

[Note: Students must have a signed Verification Statement of completion of undergraduate dietetics coursework and official transcript showing completion of a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college prior to beginning MS degree studies]

Fall semester:

NTR 625	Gene Expression & Protein Metabolism	2 credits
NTR 626	Energy, Carbohydrate, Lipid Metabolism	2 credits
NTR 609A	Graduate Seminar	1 credit
Statistics	(STA 571, HEA 604, ERM 617, ERM 680)	3 credits
Elective	(NTR 500+, CED 610, HEA 500+, BIO 500+)	3 credits

Spring Semester:

NTR 627	Antioxidants and Bioactive Food Components	2 credits
NTR 628	Vitamins and Minerals	2 credits
NTR 673	Research Methods in Nutrition	3 credits
NTR 601/623	Research Techniques	3 credits

- Students apply to DI program under Pre-Select Option in early January or apply to DI program through the national computer matching option (postmark deadline Feb. 15)
- Students take MS non-thesis written comprehensive exam (capstone experience) in May

Fall Semester:

NTR 602	Introduction to Clinical Dietetics	3 credits
NTR 693	Advanced Medical Dietetics	3 credits
NTR 609B	Graduate Seminar	2 credits
Elective		2 credits

Spring Semester:

NTR 606A	Practicum in Clinical Dietetics: Management	3 credits
NTR 606B	Practicum in Clinical Dietetics: Clinical	3 credits
NTR 606C	Practicum in Clinical Dietetics: Community	3 credits

Total Credits: 40 credits minimum

[Note: Students completing the MS thesis option at UNCG can also combine their MS program with the PBC-DI program. See Graduate Catalog for course requirement differences between the MS thesis and non-thesis options.]

MS degree + Complete DPD (dietetics education courses) + PBC-DI:

This option permits students to complete the MS degree requirements while taking the undergraduate dietetics courses (DPD) needed to become eligible to obtain a signed DPD Verification Statement from the DPD Director at UNCG. Courses numbered 400 and below will appear on the student's transcript but no graduate credit will be granted. Selected courses numbered 500 and above help fulfill the DPD requirements at UNCG and students also earn graduate credit for those courses. As each student's background varies, individual meetings are encouraged with the DI Director and the DPD Director to determine the specific DPD courses that will be required at UNCG to become eligible for a signed DPD Verification Statement from

UNCG. If students complete all DPD requirements with grades of C or higher, they can then apply for the PBC-DI program at UNCG through the Pre-Select Option in January or the national computer matching process which has an annual application postmark deadline of February 15th each year and required payment of a fee to the contracted computer match firm (D &D Digital, Inc.) To complete all three of these programs/goals, students should plan on at least 3 years of full-time study.

Note that academic eligibility for Graduate School at UNCG requires a minimum of 3.0/4.0 overall GPA for admission. In addition, a 3.0 GPA must be maintained to remain in any graduate program at UNCG. GRE scores are also required for the Graduate Program in Nutrition and for the Post-BS Certificate-Dietetic Internship program.

FINANCIAL AID:

Merit and need-based aid is available to graduate students. Scholarships and graduate assistantships are available to full-time graduate students until they begin their full-time supervised practice experiences. Both full-time and part-time students can apply to qualify for low interest educational loans. Graduate students who enroll in the internship program may defer college loans because of the USDE accredited internship status.

Post-BS Certificate-Dietetic Internship students are eligible for low interest educational loans. Students should apply for scholarships from The American Dietetic Association (www.eatright.org) and the North Carolina Dietetic Association (www.eatrightnc.org). Application receipt deadlines are February 15 each year.

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