

## Department of Nutritional Sciences Dietetic Internship



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### Program Mission

*The mission of the OUHSC Dietetic Internship program is to provide the best possible supervised practice experience for our students to become competent entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists and future healthcare leaders. The program prepares students through excellence in teaching, research, service and appropriate supervised practice sites which foster creative activity and innovative lifelong learning to therefore provide exceptional patient care to the public.*

The OUHSC Dietetic Internship program is a post-baccalaureate supervised practice experience designed to assist the applicant to meet the necessary competencies required for registration with the Commission on Dietetics Registration (CDR) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND).

The characteristics of the program include:

- A generalist experience with a 5-week elective (nutrition-focused outcome concentration).
- Begins March (spring) and August (summer) of each year.
- Approximately eight months in length
- 1,208 clock hours of scheduled supervised practice
- Sites of each rotation vary and include locations throughout the state of Oklahoma
- Interns are assigned to rotation sites based on availability, intern preference, and sometimes facility interviews
- Students must come to the Oklahoma City campus for 9 days during the program (5 orientation days, 3 didactic class days and graduation)
- There are four rotation modules (food service management, clinical, community, and elective)
  - **Nine week food service/management rotation**
  - **Nine week community rotation** (experiences in wellness, weight loss, public schools, WIC, home health, out-patient clinics, etc.)
  - **Nine week clinical rotation**
  - **Five week elective rotation** (nutrition focused outcomes concentration)
- The first week of the Internship is spent on-site at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City. Students then go to rotation sites throughout the state. Students return to Oklahoma City for a class day once each nine weeks.

### ***INTERNS WILL NOW EARN CREDIT TOWARD OPTIONAL MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE!***

Interns may also choose to apply to the Graduate College to earn credit toward a Master of Science (MS) degree. The MS Degree is completed after the internship and interns will obtain six credit hours from the internship towards the MS degree. Contact [Dawn-Horton@ouhsc.edu](mailto:Dawn-Horton@ouhsc.edu) for more information.

## Admission Requirements

- Evidence of meeting the minimum academic requirements from an ACEND-accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (*Verification Statement* or *Declaration of Intent to Complete Degree* provided via Dietetic Internship Centralized Application System portal).
  - Individuals appointed to OUHSC Dietetic Internship will be required to provide an original, signed verification statement.
  - If verification statement is not dated within last five years, applicant should show evidence of continuing education & competence in dietetics-related domain knowledge (e.g. recent enrollment in dietetics-related courses such as a medical nutrition therapy course, employment in dietetics-related field such as a diet aid in a hospital).
- Completion of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
  - Individuals appointed to OUHSC Dietetic Internship will be required to provide official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended. Degree must be posted on official transcript.
- GPA
  - Cumulative GPA of  $\geq 3.0$  is required
  - Science GPA  $\geq 3.0$  is strongly preferred
  - Preference is given to students with grades of B or better in all dietetics courses. We do not accept students who had "C" grades in medical nutrition therapy courses.
- Students for whom English is a second language must earn a minimum score of 600 (paper-based), 250 (computer-based), or 100 (internet-based) within two years prior to application on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). TOEFL website: <http://www.toefl.org>.
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is NOT required.

## Estimated Program Costs

Interns must enroll and pay tuition for the six credit hour dietetic internship course. Total cost for tuition and all fees is approximately \$8,821 for Oklahoma residents and \$12,669 for out of state residents. You will be a student of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and may apply for financial aid. Interns may expect additional costs that include, but are not limited to a personal computer, textbooks, background check, drug screen, clothing, insurance, supplies, housing and personal transportation (vehicle is required for this internship as reliable public transportation is not often available).

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