

## Department of Nutritional Sciences Combined Masters of Science with 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 Combined Masters of Science with 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). This program is for those applicants who are seeking a combined masters degree with Dietetic Internship to be eligible to sit for the RD exam.

The characteristics of Supervised Practice Rotations include:

- A generalist experience with a 4-week elective (nutrition-focused outcome concentration)
- Begins August (fall semester) of each year
- Full-time supervised practice program approximately eight months in length for rotations
- 1,088 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
- Interns must come to the Oklahoma City campus for 9 days during the program (5 orientation days, 3 class days and graduation)
- There are four rotation modules (food service management, clinical, community, and elective)
  - **Eight week food service/management rotation**
  - **Eight week community rotation** (experiences in wellness, weight loss, public schools, WIC, renal, out-patient clinics, and many other areas with community rotations customized to the interns' interests)
  - **Eight week clinical rotation**
  - **Four week elective rotation** (nutrition focused outcomes concentration)
    - Rotation is the intern's choice and can be completed in any area of dietetics
    - Example elective rotation experience can be in: sports nutrition, pediatrics, eating disorders, wellness, weight loss, etc.

Upon completion of Supervised Practice Rotations, interns will complete the Masters of Science in Nutritional Sciences. The MS degree will be completed in 3 semesters. The total amount of time to complete supervised practice rotations and the graduate degree is 5 semesters (approx.. 2 years).

## Admission Requirements

- Evidence of meeting the minimum academic requirements from an ACEND-accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) or Foreign Dietitian Education (FDE ) Program (*Verification Statement or Declaration of Intent to Complete Degree* provided via Dietetic Internship Centralized Application Service portal).
  - Individuals appointed to OUHSC Dietetic Internship will be required to provide:
    - An original, signed verification statement.
    - Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended. DPD or FDE 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.
- Application is completed through Dietetic Internship Centralized Application Service (DICAS) and matching with DND Digital during the spring application cycle.

## Estimated Program Costs

Interns must enroll and pay tuition for the six credit hour dietetic internship course. Total cost for tuition and all fees for the six credit hour dietetic internship course is approximately \$9,247 for Oklahoma residents and \$12,911 for out of state residents. Total estimate tuition and fees for the Masters of Science Program is based on the number of credit hours taken per semester. Go [HERE](#) for information on tuition and fees for the MS degree. 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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