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Master of Science/Dietetic Internship (MS/DI) Program Information Sheet

Mission

The mission of the Dietetic Internship program is to prepare competent entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists for positions in clinical, foodservice, and community nutrition to improve health and enhance quality of life of individuals, families and communities. Through a supervised practice curriculum, the program is structured to provide diverse learning opportunities that enable program graduates to further develop and apply their knowledge and skills in order to provide quality nutrition care in diverse practice settings. The learning environment emphasizes the importance of self-reflection, oral and written communication, problem solving, teamwork, life-long learning, service and professional engagement.

Goals

1. The program will prepare competent entry level Registered Dietitian Nutritionists who obtain employment in nutrition and dietetics or related fields.
2. The program will prepare graduates who demonstrate a commitment to service and professional engagement.

Application Deadline: The DI program at UNCG participates in DICAS centralized application and internal Early Decision processes. Applicants from outside UNCG will use the application system through DICAS. (Note that there is no longer a "Match" process.) **The UNCG DICAS application portal will open on Oct 1st and close on Jan 15th. Highly qualified applicants will be invited to a virtual interview in mid-February. In compliance with ACEND Traffic Rules, offers will be extended to candidates by Mar 1st and candidates will be required to accept or decline their offer by Mar 10th. Internal UNCG applicants will be provided information on the Early Decision 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 ACEND*. 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, physiology, and microbiology courses is strongly preferred. Must meet requirements of The UNCG Graduate School for unconditional admission to the program: GPA≥3.0. Varied work experiences and exposures in dietetics and/or foodservice are preferred. Applicants will be evaluated based upon their academic performance, dietetics-related work/volunteer experiences, letters of reference, and statement of professional interest. The GRE is not required. The selection process is competitive and not all applicants who meet the minimum requirements may be selected.

Prior Learning: Admitted interns will have the option to apply for credit for prior learning.

Starting Date: First Tuesday of the Fall semester according to the University Calendar.

Length of DI Program: Approximately 18 months (4 semesters with no summer) including a minimum of 1000 supervised practice clock hours (10 weeks for supervised campus-based followed by ~20 weeks of supervised practice experience in the clinical practice setting).

Number of DI Students: Class size is planned to be 16 interns for DI years 2027-29.

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

Site Placement: Site affiliations are located throughout North Carolina and interns will interview with several site directors and preceptors in early fall in order to obtain placements 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 their preference. Interns who are dissatisfied with placement may request to re-interview or withdraw from the DI program.

Criminal Background Check and Urine Drug Screen: Required and the program covers this cost.

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Holidays: While on campus for the 10 weeks of supervised preparation 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 provide proof of adequate health insurance. Interns may elect to participate in the UNCG sponsored group insurance policy, if available, or be insured with their parents or spouse. UNCG, The Department of Nutrition, and/or the Dietetic Internship Program and its agents are not liable for interns' injury or illness while in a facility for supervised practice.

Professional Liability Insurance: Professional liability insurance (minimum of $1/$3 million) is covered by the program.

Immunizations/Vaccines/Lab Verification of Immunity: Interns are responsible for all associated immunization costs.

Travel: Because the practice sites where interns are placed are located throughout North Carolina and public transportation is very limited, each intern must provide their own transportation and assume liability for travel to and from supervised practice sites. Transportation costs vary depending on the location of the intern's home and their supervised practice sites. Each intern must provide proof of auto liability insurance, as applicable. UNCG, The Department of Nutrition, and/or the Dietetic Internship Program and its agents are not liable for interns'safety in travel to and from rotation sites.

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

Uniforms: Dress code is according to field placement site policy, including lab coat, non-skid closed-toe shoes, and name badge.

Compensation: Typically, there is no compensation provided to Dietetic Interns. In the event that a rotation site provides compensation such as a stipend, room/board and/or a meal allowance, interns will be notified prior to site placement of site specific compensation practices that have been disclosed by the site to the DI program director.

Financial Aid: This is a graduate degree program and interns are eligible for financial aid. Students must complete the FAFSA. Contact the Financial Aid Office to learn more about the types of financial aid that are available.

Fees:

DI application fee	$65.00
*Estimated graduate tuition and fees for ENTIRE MS/DI Program (4 semesters / 38 student credit hours) including Tuition Differential of $200 per student credit hour for practicum courses:	
NC in-state tuition/fees (based on published tuition and fees for academic year 2027)	$19,919.00
Out-of-state tuition/fees (based on published tuition and fees for academic year 2027)	$51,473.00
*Applicants should verify UNCG tuition and fees costs with the appropriate UNCG office.	
Professional Liability Insurance (required)	cost is covered by program
Personal Health Insurance	~ $2400.00
Auto Liability Insurance	~ $600.00
Housing (estimated monthly cost)	~$750.00
Transportation and parking	~ $30-$50/week
Uniforms/non-skid shoes	~$150.00
Lab coat, apron, chef's hat	cost is covered by program
Textbooks (estimate)	~$450.00
Laptop with camera and microphone and internet to access meetings from on- and off-campus locations	~$1000
Intern membership in AND (must become a member/maintain membership for program completion)	$58.00
Vaccinations (TB and Hepatitis B)/physical exam/drug testing	~ $75.00
Specified state meeting or national conference (Some funding may be available to attend FNCE.)	Up to $1500.00
Criminal Background Check (required)	cost is covered by program
Urine drug screening (required)	cost is covered by program
RD Exam Review Course/Materials (recommended)	cost is covered by program

The Dietetic Internship Program at UNCG is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition & Dietetics (ACEND) of The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. ACEND is recognized by the United States Department of Education. This recognition affirms that ACEND meets the national standards and is a reliable authority on the quality of nutrition and dietetics education programs. The address and phone number of ACEND are: 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, 312-899-0040 (ext. 5400).

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MS-DI Course Registration Schedule (38 student credit hours total):

Note: Interns must achieve a grade of B or better in all MS and supervised preparation courses to begin the supervised practice experience at the Dietetic Internship supervised practice sites (see Spring 2026).

Year One

Fall 2027:

NTR 609A	Seminar in Nutrition	1
NTR 676	Nutrition and Physical Performance	3
HEA 604	Statistics	3
Choose 1 or 2 courses from list*		3

Credit Hours: 10

Spring 2028:

NTR 609B	Seminar in Nutrition	2
Choose 2 or 3 courses from list*		5
Elective**		3

**Students may choose an elective from NTR or related area courses including but not limited to public health, gerontology, human development, social work, business management. Advisory committee approval required.

Credit Hours: 10

*Any 600-level NTR course including but not limited to:

601	Independent Study	2-6
607	Nutrition Education	3
623	Current Trends	3
625	Gene Expression and Protein Metabolism	2
626	Energy, Carbohydrate and Lipid Metabolism	2
627	Antioxidants and Bioactive Food Components	2
628	Vitamins and Minerals	2
673	Nutrition Research Methodology	3

Year Two

Fall 2028: "DI Bootcamp" Supervised Preparation

NTR 602 Professional Engagement	3
NTR 624 Culinary Medicine	3
NTR 693 Clinical Practicum Preparation	3

Credit Hours: 9

Spring 2029: Practicums in Clinical Dietetics

NTR 606A Foodservice Rotation	3
NTR 606B Clinical Rotation	3
NTR 606C Community Rotation	3

Credit Hours: 9

$\Rightarrow$ Total Credit Hours: 38

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