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Post-Baccalaureate Certificate-Dietetic Internship (PBC/DI) Program Information Sheet

Program 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.

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.**

Program Admission Requirements (Minimum selection criteria):

A master's degree from a college or university recognized by the US Department of Education with completion of a Didactic Program in Dietetics is required by ACEND*. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in nutrition, foods, food science, foodservice management, chemistry, biochemistry, biology, physiology, and microbiology courses are 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, statement of professional goals, and quality of professional resume. The GRE is not required. The selection process is competitive and not all applicants who meet the minimum requirements may be selected. Upon completion of program requirements, the intern will be awarded a Certificate and issued a Dietetic Internship Verification Statement.

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

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

Length of DI Program: Approximately nine (9) months including a minimum of 1000 supervised practice clock hours (10 weeks for campus-based supervised preparation followed by ~20 weeks of supervised practice experience).

Number of DI Students: Total class size (Cohort Year 2) is planned to be 16 interns for DI year 2027-28.

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 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 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 can re-interview or withdraw from the DI program. Note that the program locates all supervised practice sites and preceptors. Interns are not required to locate their own sites or preceptors.

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

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).

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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, spouse, or partner. 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: Required and the program covers this cost (minimum of $1/$3 million).

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

Travel: Because the affiliations 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 Post-BS certificate program (not a degree program), and interns are eligible for some types of financial aid. Students must complete the FAFSA. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information on the types of financial aid that are available.

Tuition & Fees:

DI application fee	$65.00
*Estimated graduate tuition and fees for Post-BS Certificate Program (15 student credit hours) including Tuition Differential of $200 per student credit hour	
NC in-state tuition/fees (based on published tuition and fees for academic year 2027)	*$11,622.00
Out-of-state tuition/fees (based on published tuition and fees for academic year 2027)	*$27,399.00
*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)	~$975.00
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
AND Nutrition Care Manual and ASPEN Core Curriculum (required)	cost is covered by program
Technology Requirements - Laptop with camera, 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)	$20 - cost is covered by program
Urine drug screening (required)	$60 - cost is covered by program
RD Exam Review Course/Materials (recommended)	~$750 - 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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PB Certificate/DI Program Completion Requirements (18 graduate student credit hours):

Fall: "DI Bootcamp" Supervised Preparation		Spring: Practicums in Clinical Dietetics	
NTR 602* Professional Engagement	3 credit hours	NTR 606A Foodservice Rotation	3 credit hours
NTR 624* Culinary Medicine	3 credit hours	NTR 606B Clinical Rotation	3 credit hours
NTR 693* Clinical Practicum	3 credit hours	NTR 606C Community Rotation	3 credit hours

Total Credit Hours: 18

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

Capstone Experience

NTR 606B Practicum in Clinical Dietetics course includes a Clinical Case Study project, which serves as a capstone experience for the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate/Dietetic Internship.

Completion Requirements for Awarding a Verification Statement

Upon completion of all requirements of the PBC/Dietetic Internship program and graduation clearance from the Graduate School, each intern will be awarded a certificate, issued an official Dietetic Internship Verification Statement by the Dietetic Internship Program Director, and will earn eligibility to sit for the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) credentialing examination for Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN).

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