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 the April computer matching process and preselection process. All undergraduates and non-UNCG graduate students will use the computer matching process. The deadline for the April 2022 computer match is February 15, 2022 (UNCG participates in the DICAS application system and applicants should consult the DICAS website to confirm dates and deadlines for the computer matching process.)

The Preselection option is for current UNCG graduate students. Up to 13 qualified graduate students per year may be selected for the DI program. Application does not guarantee acceptance. The remaining number of positions will be filled through the computer matching process. For those who plan to participate in the preselection process, January 11, 2022 at 5:00 PM is the deadline for receipt of completed applications. The applicant will be notified on or before January 28, 2022 confirming the admission decision to the program through the preselection process. If preselected, the applicant will be required to complete a form including original signature. This form must be submitted by February 1, 2022 to Prof. Babbi Hawkins. Prof. Hawkins will then notify D&D Digital Systems, Inc., that preselected applicants who accept admission will not participate in the computer matching 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 required. Meet requirements of The UNCG Graduate School for unconditional admission to the Post-BS Certificate 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 goals. The GRE is not required for 2022-2023. The selection process is highly competitive and not all applicants who meet the minimum requirements may be selected.

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

Length of DI Program: Up to twelve (12) months including a minimum of 1000 supervised practice hours (10 weeks for supervised preparation followed by ~20 weeks of supervised practice experience).

Number of DI Students: Class size is planned to be 16 interns for DI year 2022-23.

Work Responsibilities: The work week during the supervised practice experience is a minimum of 40 hours. Interns are expected 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 their staff in early fall in order to obtain specific placement 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 her/his preference. Interns who are dissatisfied with placement can re-interview or withdraw from the DI program.

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).

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 his/her 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 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 intern’s home location 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 and non-skid, closed-toe shoes.

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 and interns are eligible for limited subsidized loan amounts. Additional unsubsidized loan funds are available for students defined as independent from their parents or those over 24 years of age.

Fees: DI application service charge $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 (2022-23) $11,218.00
Out-of-state tuition/fees (2022-23) $24,936.00

*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 ~ $30-$50/week
Uniforms/non-skid shoes ~ $150.00
Lab coat, apron, chef’s hat cost is covered by program
Textbooks (estimate) ~ $450.00
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
Urinary drug screening (required) cost is covered by program
RD Exam Review Course/Materials (recommended) cost is covered by program

Post-BS Certificate Course Registration Schedule (18 student credit hours total):

Fall: “DI Bootcamp”  Spring: Practicum in Clinical Dietetics
NTR 602* Supervised Preparation 3 credit hours  NTR 606A Supervised Practice 3 credit hours
NTR 693* Supervised Preparation 3 credit hours  NTR 606B Supervised Practice 3 credit hours
NTR 624* SP Culinary Medicine elective 3 credit hours  NTR 606C Supervised Practice 3 credit hours

*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.

*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, 312-899-0640 (ext. 5406).