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 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 2018 computer match is February 15, 2018. (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 10 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, December 12, 2017 at 5:00 PM is the deadline for receipt of completed applications. The applicant will be notified on or before January 26, 2018 confirming acceptance or rejection into 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, 2018 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 and GRE scores at or near 50th %ile preferred. Varied work experiences and exposures in dietetics and/or foodservice are required. Applicants will be evaluated based upon their academic performance, dietetics-related work/volunteer experiences, letters of reference, and statement of professional goals. Applicants must take the GRE and include both raw and percentile scores in the supplemental application packet prior to the specified application deadlines. The selection process is highly competitive. Due to a limitation on the number of placements that can be made for a given year, not all applicants who meet the minimum requirements may be selected.

Prior Learning: No credit given/ no reduction in supervised practice hours for previous work or volunteer experiences.

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

Length of DI Program: Ten (10) months including a minimum of 1200 hours (10 weeks for supervised preparation followed by 27 weeks of supervised practice experience).

Number of DI Students: Class size has averaged 13 over the past three years.

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.
**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 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.

**Liability Insurance:** Each intern must have professional liability insurance coverage of a minimum of $1/$3 million through Marsh Affinity Group Services (1-800-323-2106, ext. 3; or [www.proliability.com](http://www.proliability.com)) for approximately $50 per year. It must be obtained prior to placement.

**Immunizations/Vaccines/Lab Verification of Immunity:** Interns are responsible for all costs associated with DI site-required documentation of immunization and titer requirements.

**Criminal Background Check:** Required. Interns are responsible for obtaining this immediately prior to placement, using the agency contracted by the UNC system.

**Urine drug screen test:** Required. Interns are responsible for obtaining this at the agency identified by the DI program.

**Travel:** Because the affiliations where interns are placed are located throughout North Carolina and public transportation is very limited, each intern will need a car and must carry sufficient automobile insurance coverage for collision and liability. Transportation costs vary depending on intern’s home location and their supervised practice sites. Each intern must provide proof of auto liability insurance.

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

**Uniforms:** Each DI intern will follow the dress code according to field placement site policy, including lab coat and non-skid, closed-toe shoes.

**Stipend:** None

**Financial Aid:** This is a post-BS certificate program so that 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. (for Stafford Loans, see [http://aessuccess.org/apply.index.shtml](http://aessuccess.org/apply.index.shtml))

**Fees:**

- DI application service charge $65.00
- DI User Fee (pay after admitted to program) $200.00
- Estimated graduate tuition and fees for Post-BS Certificate Program (15 student credit hours)
  - NC in-state tuition/fees (Fall 2017) $6572.00
  - Out-of-state tuition/fees (Fall 2017) $18,575.00
- Applicants should verify UNCG tuition and fees costs with the appropriate UNCG office.
  - Liability Insurance (www.proliability.com) ~$50.00
  - Personal Health Insurance ~$2400.00
  - Auto Liability Insurance ~$600.00
  - Housing (estimated monthly cost) ~$750.00
  - Transportation ~$30-$50/week
  - Uniforms/Lab coats/non-skid shoes ~$150.00
  - Textbooks (estimate) ~$450.00
  - Intern membership in AND (must become a member/maintain membership for program completion) ~$50.00
  - Vaccinations (TB and Hepatitis B)/physical exam/drug testing ~$75.00
  - Specified state meeting or national conference (To be announced) Up to $1500.00
  - Criminal Background Check (required) ~$50
  - Urinary drug screening ~$43.00
  - RD Exam Review Course/Materials (recommended) ~$400.00

**Post-BS Certificate Course Registration Schedule (15 student credit hours total):**

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*Note: Interns must achieve a grade of B or better in these two supervised preparation courses in order 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, 312-899-0040.*