



**Robert Stempel College  
of Public Health  
& Social Work**

**Department of Dietetics & Nutrition**

**Dietetic Internship (DI) Admission and Completion Requirements**

Students who meet the criteria on the admissions application and have completed a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) that has been approved or accredited by ACEND are eligible to apply. The DI will participate in the preselect option, not computer matching.

Applications and all requested information must be submitted by July 1st for the program's spring semester start date or December 1st for the program's summer semester start date.

Those applying in the July will be notified in August of acceptance and those applying in December will be notified in January of acceptance.

The Dietetic Internship (DI) program does not grant credit for prior learning for any portion of the internship components. All interns must successfully complete the required courses, practica and number of supervised practice hours to receive a DI verification statement.

Once accepted, students are expected to follow the preceptors' work schedules. Some practica may require the student working a longer day or ten-hour days. Many facilities work six to seven days a week with flexible scheduling. The intern does not abide by the University calendar while enrolled in DIE 5946 Advanced Supervised Dietetics Practice I and DIE 5947 Advanced Supervised Dietetics Practice II. There are no breaks between semesters or holidays. In addition, students are required to be available six weeks prior to the start date of practicum so they can attend orientation and/or complete additional facility requirements.

Students are required and expected to complete all assignments and experiences in two consecutive semesters and finish the program. Successful completion of this program will result in the receipt of a DI Verification Statement, which establishes eligibility to take the national exam administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR). Successful completion of the exam results in the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) credential and eligibility to apply for state licensure in participating states.