The Dietetic Internship Program is a post baccalaureate, supervised practice program that qualifies graduates for the examination for registered dietitians. The internship provides learning experiences in medical nutrition therapy, which include clinical dietetics, community nutrition and food-service management. These experiences lead to proficiency in delivering nutritional care to a wide range of clients. Class lectures, seminars and experiential rotations in hospitals, health departments, food service operations and other health care facilities provide a variety of experiences to students.

Students will be able to complete the internship in about 11 months, including 1,200 hours of practical experiences. Fifteen hours will be credited toward the online Master of Science degree for those students wishing to continue their studies.

Goals and Measurable Outcomes (In Parentheses)

**GOAL 1** Recruit, retain and graduate more culturally diverse students to meet areas of critical shortages and areas of under representation in the dietetics profession. (Enrollment and graduation rates)

**GOAL 2** Facilitate students’ entry into the dietetic profession as entry-level registered dietitians, and/or graduate schools in foods, nutrition and dietetics. (Examination passage rate and graduate program completion)

**GOAL 3** Foster students’ professional growth and development to become leaders in the profession. (Graduates in leadership positions, professional membership, employer satisfaction with graduates’ performance and graduates’ employment in the field)
Admissions Requirement

Applicants to the Dietetic Internship Program must meet these requirements:

1. Successful completion of a bachelor’s degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

2. Verification Statement or Declaration of Intent to Complete form from an Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)-Accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics. Form must be signed by program director, and must show date (day, month and year) of graduation.

3. Official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions of learning. All transcripts must show degree and date of graduation.

4. Application packet and fee submitted to Dietetic Internship Centralized Application System (DICAS).

5. Supplemental application and fee submitted to NCCU. Applications will be reviewed by the Dietetic Internship Committee and will be screened based on the above requirements as well as the following:
   • Work experience, academic honors, volunteer and community service.
   • Interview (in person or by phone).
   • Letter of application, GRE upon acceptance into the internship program.
   • References.

The NCCU Dietetic Internship Program participates in the DICAS application process https://portal.dicas.org and in computer matching through D&D Digital System www.dnddigital.com

Admission into the Dietetic Internship Program is considered without regard to sex, race, color, age, religion, handicap or national origin.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

The DICAS application fee is $40 for the first internship application and $20 for each additional application. The NCCU supplemental application fee is $45. For those accepted, there is a $450 nonrefundable acceptance fee to secure a position in the program. The fees are nonrefundable.

Interns are responsible for paying the costs of parking, books, housing, food, travel to sites, and attendance and travel to professional meetings. These additional expenses are likely to range from $3,000 to $7,000.

CURRICULUM AND SCHEDULE

The internship begins in August and continues through June of the following year. The curriculum is composed of the following:

- The didactic part of the curriculum consists of three graduate courses (9 credit hours) which are completed between August and November each year:
  - FCSG 5130-Nutrition Through the Life Cycle (3 credits)
  - FCSG 5140-Special Problems in Dietetics (3 credits)
  - FCSG 5160-Applied Medical Nutrition Therapy (3 credits)

- The site rotations are conducted from November through June and account for 6 credit hours:
  - FCSG 5810- Dietetic Internship (6 credits)

ESTIMATED TUITION SCHEDULE

Tuition and fees for the 2012-2013 (off-campus):

- in state: $6,233 per year
- out of state: $16,426 per year

These rates are subject to change. For more information, you can check online at www.nccu.edu (keyword TUITION)

Our Mission

To prepare and develop entry-level dietetic internship graduates to provide leadership in applying principles of medical nutrition therapy in the practice and promotion of health, prevention, and treatment of diseases to a diverse community.

For detailed information visit http://www.nccu.edu/academics/sc/socialsciences/humansciences/dip/index.cfm