

Program Guide
2016-2017
Dietetic Internship
Part-Time WIC Cohort



MISSION STATEMENT

The Michigan State University Dietetic Internship Program will prepare its graduates to become dietitians in state-of-the-art practice, within diverse and challenging healthcare, food service, and entrepreneurial positions. Program outcome data are available upon request.

ACCREDITATION STATUS

The Dietetic Internship at Michigan State University is currently granted accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, 312/899-4876.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Dietetic Internship at Michigan State University (MSU) meets all of the general ACEND required competencies with a chosen emphasis area of Community Education. The program provides supervised practice experiences necessary for qualified dietetics graduates to write the Registration Examination for Dietitians, administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration.

OVERVIEW OF THE PART TIME COMPONENT

Michigan State University (MSU), in collaboration with the WIC Division of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has expanded the MSU Dietetic Internship to include 3 part time positions to qualified Michigan WIC employees. The purpose of this cooperative effort is to provide career advancement opportunity for WIC staff in Michigan.

Over the course of 66 weeks, academically qualified WIC personnel will be dietetic interns in Michigan State University's Dietetic Internship. While interning, the employee will continue to work up to 20 hours/week for their WIC local agency during their 50 weeks of part time rotations. The employee will need a 14-week educational leave to complete their basic clinical training.

Upon successful completion of the program's core and community emphasis competencies, the intern will be required to take the Registration Examination for Dietitians within 6 months of completion of the program and needs to pass within one year. The intern is required to work for an additional two years with their sponsoring WIC local agency after completing their internship and will be able to provide high-risk counseling to WIC participants.

The internship will begin August 22, 2016 and will end June 9, 2017. **Interns are expected to have reliable vehicles and considerable driving should be expected during the internship.**

For more information, please refer to our website:

www.fshn.msu.edu/graduate_programs/dietetic_internship

ADMISSION QUALIFICATIONS

Admission to the MSU DI Program is determined by the Internship Selection Committee (ISC). The ISC consists of the Dietetic Internship Director, Part-time WIC Intern Coordinator, and preceptors from the internship program. Qualified applicants must have already earned a bachelor's degree from any U.S. regionally accredited college or university (or a foreign degree, if verified as equivalent), and have completed an ACEND Didactic Program in Dietetics within the last 5 years.

A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for college work is required. A minimum GPA of 3.00 in professional didactic courses is also required. In addition, work experience and letters of recommendation are taken into consideration.

Applicants for MSU's part-time positions must be WIC employees for at least 3 months prior to applying for the Internship and meet the current ACEND academic requirements as well as all of the requirements of the Michigan State University Dietetic Internship Program. The WIC Coordinator at the applicant's local agency must agree to support the employee's participation in the internship. When the intern is accepted into the program, the WIC Agency must sign a Memorandum of Understanding. The tuition for part time WIC interns is paid for by the MDHHS-WIC Program. The intern must also sign a Memorandum of Understanding and promissory note as an enrolled intern.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To Apply: Obtain a MSU part time WIC DI program application packet from Michigan WIC. (Tara Fisher, MS RD, 517-335-4286, fischer1@michigan.com)

PRE-INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

WIC interns accepted into the program should plan to complete an online clinical review during the summer prior to starting the internship. As part of the review, interns should plan to attend one face-t-face class that will summarize important concepts.

PRE-ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Interns will complete a proficiency exam in medical terminology and abbreviations during the MSU DI Program orientation.

PROGRAM EXPENSES

The DI program fee is \$8200 for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Upon acceptance to the program, a non-refundable \$100 down payment is due.

Remaining payment of \$8100 is due August 1, 2016 and is paid by MSHHS WIC

Summary of Internship Expenses

	In-State and Out-of-State Interns
Program Fee	\$8200
Health Insurance	\$750 to 800 ^{1,3}
Liability Insurance	\$30-50 ²
Criminal background check fee	\$60
Housing	\$500-\$800/month ³
Travel	\$Variable
Application Fee	\$30 ⁴
Academy Student Member Fee	\$49
Non-refundable deposit	\$100 ⁵ (Paid by Part time intern)

- For the 2016-2017 year
- Fees subject to change

¹Health insurance may be purchased through a private carrier or HMO if interns are not already covered by a policy.

²Liability insurance is available through providers affiliated with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

³Estimates only.

⁴ MSU DI Program Application Fee

⁵Non-refundable deposit is paid upon acceptance in the program. This deposit is credited to the first installment of the program fee due in August.

Interns are responsible for their own living arrangements and expenses. Interns must have a car, since supervised practice facilities and classes where interns receive the majority of their training are not easily accessible by public transportation.

It will be necessary for interns to travel! Travel will include travel to rotation sites, travel during rotations to other sites, some travel to Lansing, Grand Rapids or Muskegon as well as other areas as needed for classes and other brief experiences (2

weeks or less) to meet specific competencies. All interns are required to have an automobile to travel to rotation sites.

Interns are required to carry their own health and professional liability insurance. Liability insurance is available through the Academy. The price is approximately \$40 per year. Part-time interns should apply for a **two-year liability insurance policy to insure that they are covered during the full course of the internship.**

It is the intern's responsibility to carry the appropriate health and automobile insurance policy to cover liability in travel related to the internship and in assigned work during the internship. Michigan State University offers a health insurance plan to eligible students and their dependents through The Chickering Group of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Prices vary based on the health insurance plan selected. Interns are covered for injury while working in the facilities for supervised practice by each facility's liability insurance carrier.

All interns are required to enroll in a 1-credit seminar course both Fall and Spring semesters through MSU's Lifelong Education program. Enrollment information will be provided upon acceptance to the MSU DI. The tuition for the seminar class is included in the MSU DI program fee.

All interns are expected to hold an Academy Student Membership. This membership costs about \$50 per year and includes a subscription to The Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

During the internship, Interns are expected to attend a professional conference and there will be some out-of-pocket expenses associated with this activity.

Clinical and some food service management field sites require a lab coat worn over professional clothing, which interns must provide. Other miscellaneous costs may arise that will be the responsibility of the intern.

For additional information, please contact:

Michigan WIC: Tara Fischer, 335-4286, fischer1@michigan.gov
MSU: Gail Rogers, 517-449-2911

SAMPLE ROTATION SITE LIST FOR PART TIME INTERNS

Rotation sites vary from year to year depending upon the location of the part time intern's location. Every effort is made to schedule interns within 50 miles of their home/work address.

ORIENTATION -=1 week

CLINICAL- 14 weeks **Full time**

HOSPITAL FOODSERVICE- 9 weeks part time

SCHOOL FOODSERVICE- 9 weeks part time

COMMUNITY NUTRITION- Total 16 weeks part time

(Previous WIC Local Agency experience may count toward some of these weeks)

- Local WIC agency/Health Department 10 weeks
- Michigan State University Extension 4 weeks
- Maternal/Infant Health Program- 2 weeks

OUTPATIENT COUNSELING - 8 weeks part time

LONG TERM CARE- 4 weeks part time

ELECTIVE- 4 weeks part time

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VACATION- 1 week

TOTAL-66 weeks