

Program Guide
2018-2019
Dietetic Internship
Part-Time WIC Cohort



Mission Statement

The Michigan State University Dietetic Internship Program and Master's Degree in Nutrition and Dietetics will prepare its graduates to become dietitians in state-of-the-art practice, within diverse and challenging healthcare, foodservice, and entrepreneurial positions. Program Outcomes data are available upon request.

Accreditation Status

The Dietetic Internship at Michigan State University is currently granted accreditation through 2024 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 (DI) at Michigan State University (MSU) is a 16-month applied practice program in nutrition and dietetics. The program is coordinated with a 30-credit practiced based online Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics. The MSU DI 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.

For more information, please refer to the Dietetic Internship Handbook available on our website: www.fshn.msu.edu/graduate_programs/dietetic_internship

The internship will begin August 20, 2018.

Overview of Part-time WIC component

The MSU DI allows up to 3 part-time positions to Michigan WIC employees. The purpose of this cooperative effort is to provide career advancement opportunity for WIC staff in local communities. Applicants for the MSU DI's part-time positions must be Michigan WIC employees for at least 3 months prior to application, and meet current ACEND academic and MSU DI Program requirements. The WIC Coordinator at the applicant's local agency must provide a letter of support with their employee's internship application. ***The program fee and a portion of tuition is paid for by the MDHHS WIC Division;*** as such, once an intern is accepted into the program, the supporting WIC local agency will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the MDHHS WIC Division, and the intern will sign an Employee/Intern Agreement and Promissory Note with the MDHHS WIC Division.

Over ~66 weeks, academically-qualified WIC staff will be Dietetic Interns in the MSU DI. While interning, the WIC employee will continue to work up to 20 hours/week for their WIC local agency during ~55 weeks of part-time rotations. The WIC employee will require a 14-week educational leave from WIC employment to complete their clinical training.

Upon successful completion of the MSU DI program requirements and competencies, the intern/employee is required to work for Michigan WIC for 2 years. The intern will take the Registration Examination for Dietitians within 6 months, and needs to pass within one year of Internship Completion.

Admission Qualifications

Admission to the MSU DI Program is determined by the Internship Selection Committee (ISC). The ISC consists of the Dietetic Internship Director and preceptors from the internship program. Qualified applicants will 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 accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics. A course in medical nutrition therapy is required to have been taken within the last five 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.

Pre-Entrance Requirements

Scores from the GRE are **NOT** currently required for admission to the MSU DI and Master's Degree. Once matched with the MSU DI, interns will automatically be accepted to the Master's Degree program and will complete paperwork for graduate school admission after acceptance to the internship.

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

Application Process

Obtain a MSU Part-time WIC DI program application packet from Michigan WIC [Tara Fischer, MS, RD, 517-335-4286, fischert1@michigan.gov]

Location

Every effort will be made to find rotation sites near your home/work. That being said, it will be necessary for interns to travel. Travel may include to rotation sites, travel during rotations to other sites, and travel to Lansing, Grand Rapids/Muskegon, or other areas as needed, for classes and other experiences to meet specific competencies.

Expenses

The DI Program Fee is \$4100. Upon acceptance to the program, a non-refundable \$100 down payment is due. The remaining cost (\$4000) will be paid by the MDHHS WIC Division.

Summary of Internship Expenses

Program Fee	\$4,100
Health Insurance	\$750 to 800 ^{1,3}
Liability Insurance	\$50 ²
Criminal background check/Finger-printing	\$60
Housing	\$500-800/month ³
Travel	\$Variable
Application Fee	\$30 ⁴
Academy Affiliate Member Fee	\$49
Non-refundable deposit	\$100 ⁵

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.

Expense Explanation

- Clinical and some food service management field sites require a lab coat worn over professional clothing, which interns must provide at an approximate cost of \$40.
- Drug testing is not standard for the internship but may be requested by certain sites. This is usually covered by the facility but in some cases this testing may be at the intern expense.
- Interns are required to carry their own health and professional liability insurance.
 - Note: Liability insurance is available from Marsh Affinity Group Services. The price is approximately \$40 per year. 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.
 - Note: MSU 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 expected to hold Academy Affiliate Membership. This membership costs about \$50 per year and includes a subscription to The Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- Interns are expected to attend a professional conference and there will be some out-of-pocket expenses associated with this activity.
- Other miscellaneous costs may arise that will be the responsibility of the intern.

For additional information, please contact:

Michigan WIC: Tara Fischer (517) 335-4286, fischert1@michigan.gov

MSU: Gail Rogers, (517) 449-2911, rogersg3@msu.edu

Master's Degree Schedule and Expenses

The MS portion of the program will consist of 30-credits of coursework and will be offered entirely online. The DI portion of the program will include 1200 hours of supervised practice with interns placed at various locations throughout the state of Michigan. The combined program will be ~16 months in length (four semesters) and will culminate with interns earning a verification statement enabling them to sit for the Registration Examination for Dietitians and a Master of Science degree.

Projected program structure:

Year One:

Semester one (Fall 2018):

HNF 894 (Supervised Practice)	3 credits
HNF 823 (Research Methods in Human Nutrition)	3 credits
HNF 892 (Seminar)	1 credit

Semester two (Spring 2019):

HNF 894 (Supervised Practice)	3 credits
HNF 832 (Advanced Clinical Nutrition)	3 credits

Semester three (Summer 2019):

NUR 804 (Statistics for the Health Professional)	3 credits
HNF 898 (Masters Project)	2 credits
Elective	3 credits

Year Two:

Semester one (Fall 2019):

HNF 898 (Masters Project)	2 credits
HNF 892 (Seminar)	1 Credit
Elective	3 credits
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30 Total Credits

Tuition for the 30-credit degree will be based on standard online credit tuition rates at Michigan State University. The current rate (subject to change) for online graduate Master's degree credits (resident, nonresident and international) range from \$550/credit to \$950/credit. When rates are set for the upcoming fall semester, this information will be updated.

Please contact the Michigan WIC Part-time Dietetic Internship Coordinator to discuss how this combination Dietetic Internship and Master's Degree can work for you.

Sample Rotation Schedule for Part-time WIC DI

Rotation Sites vary from year to year, depending on the intern's location. Every effort is made to schedule interns at rotation sites within 50 miles of their home/work address

ORIENTATION – 1 week

CLINICAL – 14 weeks **Full-Time**

HOSPITAL FOODSERVICE – 8 weeks Part-Time

SCHOOL FOODSERVICE – 8 weeks Part-Time

COMMUNITY NUTRITION – Total 16 weeks Part-Time

WIC Local Agency/Health Department: 10 weeks (6 weeks if current WIC CPA)

Michigan State University Extension: 4 weeks

Maternal/Infant Health Program: 2 weeks

LONG TERM CARE – 4 weeks Part-Time

OUTPATIENT – 6 weeks Part-Time

ELECTIVE – 4 weeks Part-Time

VACATION – 1 week (optional)

TOTAL: ~66 weeks