The Mississippi State University (MSU) Dietetic Internship (DI) program offered in the Department of Food Science, Nutrition, and Health Promotion is a post-baccalaureate program designed to prepare interns for rewarding careers in traditional and non-traditional roles. Interns complete the requirements for the DI and 9 hours of graduate credit within 11 months. The program provides 1200 hours of supervised practice experience in various clinical, research, food service management, community nutrition, and nutrition education settings. Upon completion of the internship, graduates are prepared for the registration examination of the Commission on Dietetic Registration (cdrnet.org), as well as entry-level practice. Graduates may also apply for provisional state licensure once the program verification statements are issued.

Mission of the MSU DI
The mission is to provide supervised practice that prepares quality interns to be competent entry-level registered dietitians. The program accomplishes this mission through learning experiences in a variety of practice settings with contrasting delivery systems.

Goals
1. Prepare quality graduates to be competent entry-level dietitians.
2. Promote a commitment to the pursuit of lifelong learning, research, and community service in the dietetics profession.

Objectives
1. Based on graduate surveys conducted 3 months post graduation, 100% of interns will self-rate a competent level of “3-effective” or “4-outstanding” for overall preparation for entry-level dietetics (based on 4 point scale).
2. Over a five-year period, at least 80% of first-time test takers will pass the Registration Exam
3. At least 90% of interns will complete the program in 150% of the time planned for completion, or 15 months
4. Within 1 year of program completion, at least 80% of graduates seeking employment will have obtained a dietetics-related position
5. At least 80% of students will receive a rating of “3=Excellent, exceeds expectations” on culminating clinical staff relief rotation evaluations (based on a 3 point scale)
6. At Least 80% or more of employers will respond “3-good” or “4-excellent” that the internship adequately prepared graduates for professional practice
7. At least 25% of graduates will report the pursuit of graduate education or advanced certification 5 years post completion of the Program
8. At least 25% of graduates will report working in Extension Service or Research

Graduation and Program Completion Requirements
Interns complete the DI over a 11-month period beginning in July. The Verification Statement is issued upon the successful completion of planned supervised practice rotations. Students will be enrolled in 6 hours of supervised practice and one 3-hour graduate course for the Fall and Spring semesters in addition to 3-hour graduate course during second summer term before beginning supervised practice rotations).

Supervised Practice Facilities that Participate in the MSU DI
The total amount of possible travel will be 36 weeks x 4 days/week. The estimated amount of travel to rotation sites is 11,000 miles. Costs for mileage vary tremendously depending on price of gasoline, miles per gallon of your automobile, etc. Carpooling is encouraged. Estimates of round-trip mileage to the rotation sites from the MSU campus for the duration of the internship, based on the number of weeks at each site are provided in parenthesis.

- **Baptist Memorial Hospital–Golden Triangle, Columbus, MS**: www.baptistonline.org/golden-triangle | 6 weeks (~60 miles x 4 days/week x 6 weeks = ~1440 miles)
- **Fresenius Medical Care, Columbus, MS**: www.ultracare-dialysis.com | 2 weeks (~60 miles x 4 days/week x 2 weeks = ~480 miles)
- **Mississippi State Department of Health, Starkville, MS**: www.msdh.state.ms.us/ | 4 weeks (4 days per week) (~8 miles to and from District Office and Oktibbeha County Health Department, Starkville, MS)
- **Mississippi State Department of Health, West Point, MS**: (~36 miles to and from Clay County Health Department, West Point, MS)
- **Lowndes County Health Department, Columbus, MS**: (~60 miles to and from Lowndes County Health Department, Columbus, MS)
- **Longs Health Department, Starkville, MS**: (~100 miles to and from Monroe County Health Department, Amory, MS)
- **Mississippi State University Extension Service, Starkville, MS**: www.extension.msstate.edu | 6 weeks (If the intern is to travel for this rotation, they will be given the option to travel with the preceptor, so no personal mileage will be accrued. This rotation is 4 days/week x 3 weeks)
- **North Mississippi Medical Center–Tupelo, Tupelo, MS**: www.nnhs.net/tupelo | 9 weeks (~140 miles x 4 days/week x 12 weeks = ~6720 miles (carpooling is encouraged)
- **North Mississippi Medical Center–Eupora, Eupora, MS**: www.nnhs.net/eupora | 3 weeks (~60 miles x 4 days/week x 3 weeks = ~720 miles)
- **Oktibbeha County Hospital (OCH) Regional Medical Center, Starkville, MS**: www.och.org | 6 weeks (~8 miles x 4 days/week x 6 weeks = ~192 miles)

Additional travel may be required to attend meetings. You are encouraged to carpool whenever possible. However, please be aware that you need to be at the site when preceptors or staff to whom you are assigned requires you to be there. Preceptors and others may not be able and do not need to change their schedules to accommodate your desire to carpool.

Questions?
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Admission Requirements
Students must meet the following criteria to be considered for the MSU DI program:

- Completion of a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) with minimum academic requirements as approved by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Verification Statement issued by the DPD Director of your college/university
- Overall GPA of at least 3.00 (strongly recommended)
- Nutrition (DPD) GPA of at least 3.25 (strongly recommended)
- GRE scores
- MSU Graduate School admission
- $35 application processing fee payable to MSU DI and mailed to Dr. Terezie Tolar Mosby

Application Procedure
Students applying to the MSU DI must apply through the online Dietetic Internship Centralized Application System (DICAS) (https://portal.dicas.org/). Applicants must also register for computer matching with D&D Digital at http://www.dnddigital.com. The MSU DI participates in matching in the spring only and selects 8 interns.

Fees and Financial Information
Tuition and financial aid information for graduate students is posted at http://www.sfa.msstate.edu/cost. The MSU Office of the Graduate School also has financial and other information at http://www.grad.msstate.edu. Other fees may include, but are not limited to: living expenses, campus parking permit, textbooks, supplies, health and liability insurance, Academy membership, professional meeting attendance (in-state only), transportation costs to supervised practice facilities.

Transportation: Interns must provide their own reliable, sufficiently insured transportation between university and facilities. Some carpooling is possible.


Interns are classified as full-time graduate students for both semesters of the Internship.

Questions?
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