

California State University, Chico

DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

*Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education
(CADE) of the American Dietetic Association (ADA)*

MISSION

The Mission of the Dietetic Internship at California State University, Chico is to provide the opportunity for graduate students in the University service area to become Registered Dietitians who will enhance the quality of life and health of individuals and families through their service in institutions and agencies in northern California.

PROGRAM GOALS INCLUDE:

1. To prepare graduates to meet eligibility requirements for becoming Registered Dietitians as established by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) i.e. to successfully complete all program competencies and be able to pass the Registration Examination.
2. To prepare graduates who will be able to fulfill employment requirements for entry-level dietitians.
3. To provide Registered Dietitians with graduate degrees that will meet the needs for food and nutrition services professionals in northern California.
4. To prepare dietetic professionals who will develop, implement, and evaluate evidence based nutrition education interventions to enhance the health and well being of individuals and populations served.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Through 32 weeks of full-time supervised practice, the Dietetic Internship at CSU, Chico, provides 1,200 hours of planned experience that will fulfill the Core Competencies for Dietitians. The program is divided into three segments of supervised practice:

Clinical Rotation:	16 weeks
Foodservice Administration Rotation:	8 weeks
Community Nutrition Rotation:	8 weeks

APPLICATION

A student who has completed the following criteria is eligible to apply. Applications must include a cover letter and documentation of the following:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution (official transcripts)
2. Verification of completion of an ADA-approved Didactic Program in Dietetics within the past five years
3. Completion of all graduate coursework at California State University, Chico and significant progress toward completion of the thesis or professional paper (all graduate work except the final draft of the thesis or professional paper must be completed before beginning the internship)
4. A grade point average of at least 3.0 in graduate coursework (official transcripts)
5. Three letters of recommendation from persons in the dietetics profession with no more than one from a Chico State NFSC professor
6. Significant work experience in dietetics (current resume)
7. Non-fundable application fee of \$50.00 (make check payable to the **Research Foundation**)

SELECTION PROCESS

The CSU, Chico Dietetic Internship participates in a preselection process in addition to the computer matching process. In the preselection process, the program can select a maximum of five dietetic interns per year who are graduate students at CSU, Chico, and have met the all the above admission requirements. If our students do not fill all slots, any remaining positions may be filled through the computer matching process. Persons applying through computer matching must have an MS degree in Nutrition and meet all the application requirements listed above, with the exception of #3.

For those who plan to participate in the preselect process, the postmark deadline for applications is November 20, 2009, and applicant interviews will be held in mid December. The applicant will be notified on or before December 31, 2009, confirming her/his acceptance or rejection into the program through the preselect process. If preselected, the applicant's name and social security number will be submitted to D&D Digital Systems, Inc. to ensure that the applicant will not participate in the computer match.

If the applicant is not selected through the preselect process, she/he may reapply to this or any other DI through the computer matching process. The deadline for the February match is generally during the 2nd week of February.

REGISTRATION

Candidates are selected to begin the program in August and complete the Internship in May of the following calendar year. Tuition payments are made payable to the **Research Foundation**. Four installments of \$1,000 are to be made by the 30th day of September, November, January and March and sent to: Dr. Michelle Morris, Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences, CSU Chico, Chico, CA 95929-0002.

COST

Approximate costs for the completion of the Internship are as follows:

Tuition:	\$4,000
Housing:	Varies
Transportation:	Varies
(Students must have reliable transportation)	
Professional Liability Insurance:	\$40
Uniforms (Lab Jackets):	\$50
Books:	\$100
ADA Student Membership:	\$50

LOCATION

The clinical and administrative rotations are completed at acute care facilities in northern California, including Enloe Medical Health Center, Oroville Hospital, Feather River Hospital and others. The Community Nutrition rotation consists of two weeks of visitation to public health nutrition programs and six weeks of field work at community nutrition agencies in northern California, e.g. WIC, Cooperative Extension Service and the Department of Education.

GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION

Application and admission to the graduate program must be made separately and prior to the Dietetic Internship application. Requirements for admission to the graduate program include a grade point average of 3.0, completed courses in biochemistry and advanced nutritional sciences, and GRE scores. See information at our website www.csuchico.edu/nfsc/programs/graduate.shtml

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