OSU Human Nutrition Dietetic Internship Program Frequently Asked Questions

Q1) How many applications does your program typically receive each year? And how many interns are accepted?
   A) We receive about 200 applications each year with 12 full-time and 2 part-time positions available.

Q2) Does your program require the GRE?
   A) No, our program does not require applicants to take the GRE. If applicants are considering pursuing a graduate degree upon completion of the DI, it may be beneficial to take GRE well enough in advance.

Q3) Do interns pursue an advanced degree after completing the dietetic internship?
   A) Typically a few interns from each class choose to pursue an advanced degree. Ohio State's Human Nutrition Graduate Program offers a strong nutrition science curriculum and variety of research areas.

Q4) Are all of the supervised practice rotation sites located in Columbus?
   A) The majority of rotation sites are located within the greater Columbus area, but interns can expect to have one rotation site requiring a 45-60 minute commute.

Q5) Do interns get to choose their rotation sites?
   A) Once interns are admitted into the dietetic internship program they receive a questionnaire allowing them to indicate dietetics-related interests and/or preferred practice areas. The program makes it a point to personalize each intern's supervised practice and rotation sites to the best of its ability.

Q6) What does a typical intern's schedule look like? Do they work during the weekends?
   A) Interns typically work ~38 hrs/week and are not required to work on weekends. Working hours are generally 8am – 5pm, but interns may be required to adjust their hours to accommodate preceptors' schedules, projects or special events.

Q7) How often do interns meet for class days?
   A) Interns complete 75 hours of classroom instruction (non-credit hour bearing) during a 2-hour seminar held on Tuesday evenings that meets 2 to 4 times per month.
Q8) What is unique about the culminating rotation in this dietetic internship program?
   A) The culminating rotation is ~7 weeks in duration and is largely intern-driven to accommodate for special areas of interest. Culminating also allows interns the opportunity to continue with a particular rotation and/or seek out new supervised practice experiences.

Q9) Is a car necessary for interns?
   A) All interns must have a car or have access to a car as supervised practice sites are located throughout Central Ohio, and are not easily accessible by public transportation.

Q10) Are you looking for anything specific in the personal statement?
    A) No, the personal statement should be consistent with what DICAS requires.

Q11) What do you look for in an intern, what can an applicant do to stand out?
    A) We primarily look at GPA and dietetics-related experiences during the selection process. A weaker GPA can be improved by great work/volunteer experience, and similarly, weaker work experience can be improved by a strong GPA.

Q12) How does the interview process work?
    A) Top applicants will be invited to participate in a phone interview in the beginning of March. The interview will last about 15 minutes and is designed to provide applicants with additional program information, as well as allow the selection team to get to know the applicant.