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COLLEGE OF  
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OSU Human Nutrition Dietetic Internship Program Frequently Asked Questions

- Q1) Does your program require a master's degree?  
A) Yes, our program requires all applicants to have a master's degree or will have a master's degree completed prior to beginning the internship program (mid-August each year).
- Q2) Does your program require the GRE?  
A) No, our program does not require applicants to take the GRE.
- Q3) 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 at least one rotation site requiring a 45-60 minute commute.
- Q4) Do interns get to choose their rotation sites?  
A) Once interns are admitted into the dietetic internship program they receive a preferences survey 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.
- Q5) What does a typical intern's schedule look like? Do they work during the weekends?  
A) Interns typically work ~38 hrs/week in the full-time track and ~20 hrs/week in the part-time track. Interns 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.
- Q6) How often do interns meet for class days?  
A) Interns complete 75 hours of classroom instruction (non-credit hour bearing) during a 1 hour and 45 minute seminar that meets 2 to 4 times per month.
- Q7) What is unique about the culminating rotation in this dietetic internship program?  
A) The culminating rotation is up to 280 hours in duration and is largely intern-driven to accommodate for special areas of interest or gaining more experience in a specific practice area.

- Q8) 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.
- Q9) Are you looking for anything specific in the personal statement?  
A) No, the personal statement should be consistent with what DICAS requires.
- Q10) What do you look for in an intern, what can an applicant do to stand out?  
A) We primarily look at academic success (e.g., GPA, research experiences, externships/internships) 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. Strong recommendation letters that speak to your character and accomplishments will strengthen your application.
- Q11) How does the interview process work?  
A) Top applicants will be invited to participate in a video interview in the beginning of March. The interview lasts about 15 minutes and includes a few interview questions as well as time for interviewees to ask program faculty questions.
- Q12) Will I receive prior learning credit for experiences I have through my undergraduate and graduate program?  
A) Prior learning credit is available through the program. Prior learning credit is offered to interns who demonstrate they have met competencies through previous experiences. A common example is an intern who participated in nutrition research or managed a large project, either through a thesis or non-thesis requirement. Prior learning credit allows the intern to complete the supervised practice sooner than the planned end date.