

# DIETETIC INTERNSHIP POSTBACCALAUREATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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Penn State's Dietetic Internship Program is a post baccalaureate, general, supervised practice program. The internship program is structured according to the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) Accreditation Standards for Nutrition and Dietetic Internship Programs (DI). Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to take the registration examination to obtain the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN)/Registered Dietitian (RD) certification administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration.

**Effective Date:** Summer 2023

**Expiration Date:** Summer 2028

## Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.

Students who have completed a baccalaureate degree and hold a valid Verification Statement from a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) may submit an application for consideration.

## Certificate Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs/>).

Students are required to complete the following graduate-level credits earning a grade a "B" or better.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
NUTR 595A	Application of Community Nutrition – Internship	3
NUTR 595B	Application of Food Service Management -- Internship	3
NUTR 595C	Dietetic Enrichment Experience - Dietetic Internship	1
NUTR 595D	Application Clinical Nutrition – Internship	6
NUTR 595E	Introduction to Nutrition Research -- Internship	1

NUTR 595F	Professional Portfolio Internship	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

## Courses

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

## Learning Objectives

The internship program is structured according to the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) Accreditation Standards for Nutrition and Dietetic Internship Programs (DI). Learning objectives include:

1. Conduct projects using appropriate research methods, ethical procedures and data analysis.
2. Demonstrate professional attributes in all areas of practice.
3. Demonstrate effective communication skills for clinical and customer services in a variety of formats.
4. Perform management functions related to safety, security and sanitation that affect employees, customers, patients, facilities and food.

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