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Dietetic Internship

The Dietetic Internship Program prepares entry-level dietitians for a variety of careers in health care, wellness, and food service management. Some of the many responsibilities of dietitians include:

- assisting individuals and families in choosing food for adequate nutrition in health or disease throughout the life cycle;
- supervising the preparation and service of food in groups;
- developing modified diets; and
- participating in nutrition research.

Dietitians work in hospitals, health care and government agencies, food industries, corporate wellness, restaurants, schools, and private practice.

The program offers on-campus and off-campus options (available in Birmingham, Huntsville, Montgomery, and Mobile). Both programs are completed in 10 months and combine supervised clinical practice with graduate coursework.

Students completing the UAB Dietetic Internship are eligible to take the national Registration Examination for Dietitians administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration. Some graduates of the program choose to complete the M.S. in Clinical Nutrition degree requirements.



UAB Dietetic Internship PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY/MISSION AND GOALS

Program Philosophy/Mission: To provide a Dietetic Internship Program based on current research and technology in nutrition care delivery, food service administration, and community nutrition with a health promotion/disease prevention or nutrition sciences research emphasis. A broad variety of educational methodologies will be used to develop an entry-level dietitian who can function in a variety of settings, recognizes the need for life-long learning, and can contribute to improved health care of individuals and groups in a cost effective manner.

The goals of the dietetic internship are:

1. The program will prepare graduates to be competent entry level dietitians.
2. The program will prepare graduates who demonstrate a commitment to continued professional development

- and will prepare graduates who demonstrate ability to utilize current research in professional practice.
3. The program will prepare graduates who demonstrate commitment to community service.
 4. The program will prepare students who will graduate with a Master of Nutrition Science and will also be eligible to take the Registration Exam for Registered Dietitians.

Dietetic Internship Program Curriculum COURSE SCHEDULE

Fall Semester

NTR 612	Research and Tech. Applications in Dietetics	3 hours
NTR 604	Principles and Practice of Nutrition Support	3 hours
NTR 589	Internship Practicum	9 hours

Spring Semester

NTR 611	Advanced Foodservice Systems Management	3 hours
NTR 601	Advanced Medical Nutrition	3 hours
NTR 589	Internship Practicum	10 hours

Summer Semester

NTR 589	Internship Practicum	5 hours
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Tuition and Fees

For more information, go to [Dietetic Internship Resources](#) page for application information, policy and procedure manuals.

ACCREDITATION

The University of Alabama at Birmingham Dietetic Internship is currently granted accreditation by **The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)**, formerly known as the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE), of the American Dietetic Association, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000 Chicago, IL 60606-6995, (800) 877-1600, Ext. 5400, www.eatright.org.

SACSCOC Accreditation

The University of Alabama at Birmingham is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate, masters, doctorate, and professional degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of The University of Alabama at Birmingham.



DIETETIC INTERNSHIP OPEN HOUSE - On-Campus & Online!

Friday, December 5, 2014

10:00am – 12 noon CST

The Dietetic Internship Open House will convene on the campus of UAB and Online. If you would like to attend in-person or virtually, please RSVP by Tuesday, December 2, 2014 to Susan Miller at miller1@uab.edu or by

phone (205) 934-3223. Please be sure to RSVP with your name, email address and phone number.

UAB Campus Location:

- School of Health Professions, Room 224, 1705 University Blvd, Birmingham, AL 35294
- For more info on how to locate the School of Health Professions - <http://www.uab.edu/map/school-of-health-professions>

To join Virtually use the following link:

- <https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2011335&username=&password=M.8341FBD557BD88888447D6C821F270>

In order to join us virtually the Online Open House will be facilitated using Blackboard Collaborate which is part of UAB's Learning Management System. Technical Requirements to join the Online Open House are listed below:

- **Session Link** – <https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2011335&username=&password=M.8341FBD557BD88888447D6C821F270>
- **MAC/PC computer** with Memory of 512 MB RAM or higher (**Please note this online session may not be accessible on certain tablets or smartphones. A desktop or laptop computer is suggested.*)
- **Audio enabled speakers**
- **Internet Speed** of 1 Mbps or higher
- **Headset/Microphone** (optional)
- **Plug-ins Needed** – **Java** and **Flash Player**

Please review the [video tutorial](#) on how to use Blackboard Collaborate including how to complete an audio setup wizard when you enter the Online Open House. **You can enter the open house 45 minutes prior to its start time.** This time can be used to connect to Blackboard Collaborate to ensure connectivity.