Frequently Asked Questions

* How many interns are accepted into the UW-Green Bay Dietetic Internship?
  + Twenty interns are accepted annually. Up to 12 intern spots are held for UW-Green Bay graduates, and the remaining 8 spots are filled by DICAS-matched applicants. If less than 12 UW-Green Bay graduate spots are filled, the number of DICAS applicants will increase.
* What is the pass rate for the RD Exam?
  + UW-Green Bay proudly reports a one-year pass rate\* of 98.3% on the RDN exam over the past 5 years with a 100% pass rate on the RDN Exam.
  + \*Graduates who pass the RDN exam within one year of first attempt.
* How long is the internship?
  + The UW-Green Bay Dietetic Internship is a full-time, 37-week program, which provides 1,200 hours of practice experience.  The program consists of approximately 32 hours of weekly-supervised practice Monday-Thursday with occasional weekend days. An additional 7-8 hours of didactic instruction and project management take place on Fridays. Of the total hours, 263 are allotted for leadership activities and events throughout the year.
* Can I receive financial aid?
  + Interns do not qualify for federal financial aid but can apply for deferment of student loan payments during the time of their internship. Private loans and scholarships may be available based on the intern's eligibility.
* When does the Program start?
  + The program typically starts late August or early September and is completed by the end of the following May. Vacation is normally scheduled over Thanksgiving and Christmas.
* Where can I live?
  + You will be required to attend orientation on the UW-Green Bay campus, and Friday classes are held 50% online and 50% in the Greater Green Bay and Fox Valley area, but the internship rotations can be scheduled in many different areas within Wisconsin where you can live.  The current rotations extend from the Milwaukee and Madison regions to Green Bay and the most northern part of the Michigan border as well as into Central Wisconsin/Marshfield and Wausau. UW-Green Bay prides themselves in doing their best in matching the needs of the intern to the experiences in their community.
* How much does the internship cost?
  + In addition to the D&D Digital and DICAS application fees, a $60 program application fee must be mailed directly to UW-Green Bay to apply.
  + The program fee is $9189 (pending approval for 2020-21).  A $1,000 non-refundable deposit is due upon acceptance, with the remaining balance to be paid three weeks prior to the start of the internship.
  + Additional costs will include housing and transportation, health insurance, car and liability insurance, books and supplies, parking on campus, and a Student Membership to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.  Laptops are required.  Interns will also be financially responsible for a caregiver background check, CPR certification, a physical exam by a physician, a 10-panel drug test and current vaccinations.  Additional required professional meetings and competitions will also charge a fee.
* What do I need to be eligible for the internship?
  + To be considered for admittance to the Dietetic Internship program, you must have:
    - A Bachelor’s or Master’s degree from an accredited college with verification of completion of an ACEND accredited Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics.
    - A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a 3.0 GPA for professional courses, with a recommended overall science grade of a C or better.
    - Good written communication skills in English.
      * If you are an International student, you will need a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 550 for the paper exam, or 71 for the internet exam AND/OR an English Proficiency (IELTDDS) score of 6 or better.
  + The preferred qualifications include:
    - Demonstrated ability to work effectively as a member of a team, as well as a leader, to be self-directed and an independent learner, and to be flexible and enthusiastic.
    - Work and volunteer experiences related to health care, community, and/or food service are encouraged.
    - GRE is not required, but strongly recommended.
* What will my rotations look like?
  + You will receive a variety of experiences throughout your internship rotations, including:
    - 6 weeks of Community Wellness
    - 3 weeks with Women Infants and Children (WIC)
    - 4-6 weeks of School Food Service
    - 2-4 weeks of Hospital Food Service
    - 2 weeks of Outpatient Medical Nutrition Therapy
    - 3 weeks of Long-Term Care
    - 7 weeks plus 2 weeks of independent relief of Inpatient Medical Nutrition Therapy
    - 1 week of Open rotation determined by your personal preference
* Can I get credit for previous experience?
  + The Prior Assessed Learning (PAL) program is designed to grant internship credit based on an applicants’ past learning as demonstrated through their work or volunteer experiences.  Experiences must meet competencies required by ACEND and must have been completed post-graduation and/or the intern must not have received education credits for the experience.  Interns cannot receive credit for previous experience in MNT rotations, and must complete general orientation, leadership-focus activities, research review presentations, didactic classes and RD prep work despite PAL.  If interns are granted PAL, they will be scheduled as “off” for that rotation, and are unable to complete other rotations as part-time status.