



2019-2020 Suggested Rotation Schedule
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All interns are required to complete minimum of 1240 hours in 38 weeks of full time (40 hrs/week) supervised practice rotations, over a 10-month period:

Rotation	Hours	Length (weeks)
Orientation: June - August	Summer Reading and Orientation Assignments	4 weeks
Foodservice Management	240	6 weeks
Community Nutrition	160	4 weeks
Clinical	720	18 weeks
Elective	80	2 weeks
Research	40	1 week
Vacation		3 weeks
Total		38 weeks

Interns are recommended to start with foodservice and community nutrition rotations before clinical practice. When proceeding to clinical rotations, it is suggested that the intern become acquainted with the diet office and screening procedures first. In this way the intern can begin to relate the activities performed in the diet office staff and by the NDTRs to those performed by the clinical dietitian. Following this experience, interns will observe the preceptors and are encouraged to seek out answers to questions they have using through research or use of references. During the following weeks, the intern is expected to perform an increasing number of nutrition care activities and assume responsibility for an increasing number of patients. During the final weeks of the clinical rotation, interns work on the MNT concentration in Nutrition Support and Staff Relief. Typically, the Research/Medical Library rotation and the Elective Rotation may be done in any order during the internship.



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Number of Practicum Hours	Location/Specialty	Supervised Practice Experience
240 h Foodservice Management	Hospitals; long-term care facilities; schools, colleges & universities; child and adult care food programs; congregate/home-delivered feeding programs for older adults; correctional facilities; and military operations.	Theme meal (80 h), recipe development (20 h), human resources (20 h), safety & sanitation (20 h), comprehensive tray assessment (8 h), productivity ratios study (20 h), plate waste study (40 h), meal satisfaction survey (16 h), safety/disaster/emergency (16 h).
160 h Community Nutrition	Outpatient individual/group education; long-term care facilities; schools, colleges and universities; Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women (SNAP); Infants and Children (WIC); child care centers; Head Start; congregate/home-delivered feeding programs for older adults; Child and Adult Care Food Programs; food banks/food pantries; health clubs; fitness centers; corporate wellness	Advocacy (2 h), participate in a community organization (4 h), observe a group class (10 h), individual & group nutrition counseling and education (40 h), community outreach (40 h), community needs assessment (40 h), client education material development (24 h).



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	programs; grocery stores; sustainable food systems and food cooperatives; homeless shelter.	
720 h Clinical Nutrition	Hospitals; post-acute care, long-term care; skilled nursing facility; extended care; rehabilitation facilities; clinics; private practice.	Quality management (40 h), written case report (40 h), ethics case study (2 h), clinical skills demonstration (120 h), professional development portfolio (5 h), role play & mentoring exercise (5 h), perform the nutrition care process (240 h), nutrition focused physical exam (24 h), oral case report (40 h), informatics (24 h), billing & coding MNT (20 h), staff relief (80 h), MNT concentration in Nutrition Support (80 h).
40 h Research/Medical Library Rotation	All interns should have the core experiences that prepare them to properly interpret research literature and apply it to practice, document the value of their services, and participate in addition to the body of scientific knowledge on nutrition, health, and wellness. The ultimate purpose of dietetics research is to improve patient care and outcomes by collecting, evaluating and analyzing data from different nutrition interventions and to provide a foundation for evidence-based dietetics practice. Interns have two options to complete this program requirement in research/medical library rotation: (1) write up your research study, or (2) write a narrative review (literature review) based on scientific literature.	
80 h Elective	The Program requirement for the Elective is 80 hours. Interns complete and a minimum of 3 competencies in the specialty area of their choice. The choices for Elective are consistent with the practice areas listed on the current version of the Academy Membership Application.	