

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants **MUST** be a US citizen to apply for the VASNHS Dietetic Internship
- Males **MUST** have registered for selective service or be exempt to be eligible to apply to this program
- A minimum cumulative and DPD GPA of 3.0
- Completion of all requirements for the DPD from a program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics must be completed within the past three (3) years
- Track 1 (non-degree): Earned master's degree granted by a U.S. accredited or Foreign Dietitian Education program (FDE) by program start date
- Track 2: Admission to Rutgers MS in Clinical Nutrition Program and selection of VASNHS as dietetic internship site

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The VASNHS been granted candidacy accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) to open a Dietetic Internship to prepare Registered Dietitian Nutritionists in Fall 2024.



VA SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Dietetic Internship Program





TRACKS

Non-Degree Track

- 9 months
- August-April

Rutgers University MS in Clinical Nutrition+ DI

- 16 months
- September to December of the following year (Internship March-November)

PROGRAM GOALS

- Program graduates will be prepared with the hands-on experience, skills and ability required to obtain professional credentials and become entry-level practitioners in the field of dietetics.
- Program graduates will gain leadership skills to prepare them to become leaders in the field of dietetics.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- The VASNHS Dietetic Internship is a 9-month, 32 hour/week program, which takes place from either August to April or March-November.
- The program has a strong emphasis on medical nutrition therapy, leadership, and research.
- Interns in the non-degree track of the program are not charged tuition or fees. Interns in the combined MS program are charged tuition and fees for the graduate degree through Rutgers University.



SUPERVISED PRACTICE EXPERIENCES

Administrative/Management Rotations- 8 Weeks

- Food Production and Service/Food Service Management/Informatics
- Administration- Management/Quality Improvement/Research
- Professional Practice

Clinical Rotations- 19 weeks

- Nutrition screening
- Inpatient - Medicine (Neurology, Dysphagia, GI), Wounds
- Inpatient - Critical Care, Surgery, Nutrition Support, Pulmonary
- Inpatient - Outpatient Mental Health
- Outpatient - Obesity, Bariatric, MOVE! Program, Healthy Teaching Kitchen
- Outpatient - Primary Care
- Specialty Outpatient - Diabetes, Oncology, GI
- Specialty Outpatient - Dialysis
- Specialty Outpatient - Home-Based Primary Care

Specialty Rotations- 3 weeks

- Community/Health Promotion (Whole Health, Outreach, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Healthy Teaching Kitchen, Pediatric projects)

Staff Experience- 3 Weeks

- Clinical Staff Experience (Inpatient and Outpatient)

MISSION

The mission of the VASNHS Dietetic Internship is to offer a supportive learning environment in a challenging and dynamic program with a focus on medical nutrition therapy and culinary excellence. Our program is designed to promote innovative, evidenced-based, patient-centered nutrition services, which prepares our graduates to be highly functioning, competent entry-level registered dietitians and future leaders for the profession of dietetics.