

## VA Nutrition and Food Service

**Mission:** To provide excellent comprehensive and innovative nutrition and food service programs for our Veterans and stakeholders that are evidence based and support the full continuum of healthcare through interdisciplinary collaboration both within and outside the Veterans Health Administration.

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**Vision:** To deliver premier level nutrition and food service programs to Veterans and stakeholders, using people centered, results driven and forward looking principles.

The mission of the VA Dietetic internship is to prepare competent entry-level dietetics professionals to become Registered Dietitian Nutritionists committed to evidence-based practice in the care of Veterans and the public.



If you are interested in learning about the SAVAHCS Dietetic Internship, contact:

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### VA Mission Statement:

To fulfill President Lincoln's promise, "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan" by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's Veterans."



# SAVAHCS Dietetic Internship



**U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs**  
Veterans Health  
Administration

Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS)



## SAVAHCS

The SAVAHCS Dietetic Internship anticipates ACEND granting Candidacy for Accreditation status in the summer of 2022.

### What to Expect from the SAVAHCS Internship

- 52 weeks supervised practice rotations
- Concurrent graduate degree from University of Arizona (Professional Science Masters)
- Experienced and motivated preceptors
- Training and nutrition care for our Nation's heroes
- **Nutrition Rotations including:**
  - Acute Care
  - Critical Care/Nutrition Support
  - Primary Care
  - Oncology
  - Renal/Dialysis
  - Home Care
  - Rehab/Wound Care
  - Women's Health
  - Weight Management
  - Health Promotion
  - Food Service Management
  - Pediatrics
  - School Food Service
  - Evidence Based Practice

## Application

Submit the SAVAHCS Dietetic Internship Application packet including:

1. SAVAHCS Dietetic Internship application Form
2. Personal Statement (1000 words or less)
  - Why are you interested in the SAVAHCS dietetic internship program?
  - What makes you a good 'fit' for our program?
  - What are your strengths and areas needing improvement?
  - What experiences have helped prepare you for a career in nutrition and dietetics?
  - Why do you want to become an RDN?
  - What are your short and long term goals?
3. Transcripts
4. 3 Letters of Reference
5. DPD Declaration of Intent or Verification Statement
6. DD214 form, if you are a Veteran

## Best Candidate Fit

- Motivated to learn
- Interested in Veteran healthcare
- DPD GPA > 3.0
- Work experience in nutrition and dietetics
- Skilled in communications, leadership, and teamwork
- Adaptable, flexible, creative, innovative
- U.S. Citizenship required

## 2022 Internship Selection Process

- Application
- Interview
- Direct Offers of Intern Spot
- No participation in DICAS or D&D matching required

## Anticipated Start Date:

- Late September/Early October