

## Minimum Requirements

- ◆ United States citizenship
- ◆ GPA minimums vary with programs
- ◆ Strong reading ability and solid written and verbal communication skillsets
- ◆ Well-developed organizational and time management skillsets
- ◆ Works well independently and on teams
- ◆ Enjoys learning and working in a fast-paced environment
- ◆ Prefers working with adults
- ◆ Fluency in English; fluency in both English and Spanish in Puerto Rico



### Additional Information:

All programs are accredited by ACEND and participate in Spring matching via DICAS (except for Puerto Rico) and D&D Digital. Please follow website instructions to apply directly to Puerto Rico. There is no additional fee to apply to any of the VA programs.

## Locations

Arkansas - Little Rock  
California - Los Angeles & San Diego  
Florida - Bay Pines & Tampa  
Illinois - Hines (Chicago)  
Minnesota - Minneapolis  
Missouri - St. Louis  
New York - Bronx  
Ohio - Cleveland  
Puerto Rico - San Juan  
Tennessee - Memphis  
Texas - Houston



For more information  
visit our websites at:  
[www.dieteticinternship.va.gov](http://www.dieteticinternship.va.gov)

All programs are accredited by:  
Accreditation Council for Education in  
Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)  
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190  
Chicago, IL 60606-6995  
800/877-1600 X 5400

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## History

The Department of Veteran Affairs has been providing “on-the-job training” programs in the field of nutrition and dietetics since 1943. Our interns provide care to Veterans who served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Iraqi and Afghan wars, and active DOD soldiers, as well as non-Veteran adults and children in community and outreach programs.

## Benefits

- ◆ Stipend provided (varies with program)
- ◆ Paid federal holidays and vacation (varies with program)
- ◆ Hands-on training focus
- ◆ Minimal simulation or shadowing
- ◆ Well-rounded programs providing a variety of MNT, community, and food service management experiences.
- ◆ 1:1 RD clinical guidance
- ◆ High graduate satisfaction rate
- ◆ High employer satisfaction rate
- ◆ Average RD exam pass rates:
  - 1st time pass rate - 93%
  - One-year pass rate - 97%
- ◆ Nationwide opportunities after graduation for VA employment offering competitive salary.

## Program Specifics

	AR—Little Rock	CA—Los Angeles	CA—San Diego	FL—Bay Pines	FL—Tampa	IL—Hines /Chicago	MN—Minneapolis	MO—St. Louis	NY—Bronx	OH—Cleveland	PR—San Juan	TN—Memphis	TX—Houston
Cardiology/MNT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Functional Nutrition/Whole Health	X				X		X	X	X				X
Geriatrics/Hospice/CLC/LTC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Health Promotion Disease Prevention	X					X		X					
Home –Based Primary Care	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Medicine/MNT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MOVE! Weight Management	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Nutrition Support/Surgery/MNT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Oncology/MNT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Outpatient/Diabetes/MNT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pediatrics	X			X	X	X				X	X	X	
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	X	X	X			X	X	X			X	X	X
Renal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Residential Treatment/Physical Rehab	X		X			X					X	X	X
Spinal Cord Injury		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Substance Abuse		X	X					X				X	X
Staff Relief	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Administration/Food Service Mgmt	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
School Food Service/School Nutrition	X		X	X	X		X						X
Community Outreach	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
WIC	X		X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Masters Credit	X	X		X					X	X		X	X
Minimum Overall GPA	3.0	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.2	3.0