

Application Requirements

- U.S. Citizenship prior to application due date
- Bachelor's degree from a U.S. accredited university or college or foreign equivalent
- Completion of an ACEND-accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD)
- Application to The University of Alabama (combined MS/DI track only) OR completion of a Master's degree prior to start of program

The VA ECHCS Dietetic Internship values diversity and uses a holistic approach to admission

VA ECHCS Dietetic Internship Selection Criteria

ACADEMIC

- *Writing Skills*
- *GPA*
- *Additional Degrees*
- *Certifications*

PRACTICAL

- *Paid and Non-Paid*
- *Clinical*
- *Food Service*
- *Customer Service*
- *Management*

SOFT SKILLS

- *Leadership*
- *Teamwork*
- *Diverse Perspective*
- *Creativity & Innovation*
- *Adaptability*

FIT FOR VA

- *Veteran Preference*
- *Experience working with Veterans*
- *Goals align with VA ECHCS DI*

VA ECHCS DI Tracks

Combined MS / DI Track

- Starts in August
- 18 months in length
- Provides 1,000 supervised practice hours

DI only Track

- Starts in August
- 10 months in length
- Provides 1,000 supervised practice hours

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in the VA ECHCS DI in Aurora, Colorado! The 42-week internship program is made up of supervised practice hours and alternate practice experiences in clinical dietetics, food service management and community nutrition along with tours, field trips and workshops.

Supervised Practice Experiences

**Rotations are subject to change*

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Food Prep & Evaluation
- Food Service & Operational Management
- Process Management & Implementation
- Informatics & Clinical Management

CLINICAL DIETETICS

- Ambulatory Care, Home Based Care
- Spinal Cord Injury, Mental Health
- MOVE! Program, Bariatrics, Wellness
- General Medicine
- Surgical, Rehab
- Renal
- Critical Care, Nutrition Support

COMMUNITY NUTRITION

- Food Bank of the Rockies
- YMCA of Denver Metro



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Eastern Colorado Health Care System

Program Mission and Goals

The mission of VA ECHCS DI Program is to provide a positive learning environment and train entry-level and above entry-level RDNs in a variety of practice areas while serving Veterans and continuously improving their care

Program Goals:

- Graduates will apply the knowledge, skill and ability gained in the Dietetic Internship Program to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and obtain employment in the dietetics field
- Program Graduates will apply evidence-based practice to the Nutrition Care Process to ensure positive health outcomes and enhance the quality of care to support the nation's increasingly diverse citizens.

Internship Contact

Christine Murphy, MS, RDN
Director, Dietetic Internship
1700 N. Wheeling Street
Aurora, CO 80045
Christine.Murphy5@va.gov
719-208-2335

VA Eastern Colorado Healthcare System Dietetic Internship Program



The VA ECHCS DI is granted
candidacy accreditation by the
Accreditation
Council for Education in Nutrition
and Dietetics (ACEND)