**Our Mission**

The mission of the Dietetic Internship program is to prepare a diverse group of students as entry level registered dietitian nutritionists for successful careers in dietetics and encourage students to assume leadership roles in their profession and in society.

**Goals and Objectives**

**Program Goal 1:**Program graduates will be prepared to be competent entry level dietitians or professionals, who engage in lifelong learning, in fields related to dietetics.

**Program Objectives** for Goal 1:

* Objective measure 1: At least 80% of interns complete program requirements within 3 years (150% of the program length).
* Objective measure 2: The program’s one-year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of the first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%.
* Objective measure 3: Of graduates who seek employment, 70 percent are employed in nutrition and dietetic or related fields within 12 months of graduation.
* Objective measure 4: At least 80 percent of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within registration 12 months of program completion.
* Objective measure 5: At least 80% of program graduates will be rated as “more than satisfactory” or “outstanding” by surveyed job supervisors in 50% of the 19 selected knowledge and skill areas.
* Objective measure 6: At least 50% of program graduates will pursue further education, additional degrees or certifications, and/or be active in professional organizations or in legislative activities.

**Program Goal 2:** Graduates will have demonstrated proficiency in understanding and communicating current research findings.

**Program Objectives** for Goal 2:

* Objective measure 7: At least 70% of graduates surveyed will report that they have demonstrated proficiency in translating current research findings to others with positive rating.
* Objective measure 8: At least 50% of graduates surveyed will have engaged in scholarly activity at the local, regional, state or national level, such as presenting research findings at a conference or submitting a manuscript for publication or submitting a grant proposal.

**Internship Expenses, Assistantship, Financial Aid and Support**

**Internship Expenses**

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| Housing | $500/month for single room |
| Meals at internship site | $6-10/day *(some are free)* |
| Public Transportation | $4/day |
| Personal Transportation | $300-750/year |
| Liability Insurance | $42/year |
| Required Immunizations\* | $0-195 *depending on insurance coverage* |
| CPR certification | $85 |
| Internship site requirements | $0-225 |
| ACEMAPP Membership | $50 |
| Laptop | $200-$500 *See DI handbook for UGA technology lending/rental services* |

*\* Students may be required to show evidence of a COVID-19 vaccination to supervised practice site officials to participate and complete our program.*

**Assistantships, Financial Aid & Support**

Some graduate-dietetic internship students receive financial aid in the form of teaching and research assistantships. When receiving an assistantship, students **earn a stipend of $14,000 to $30,000** annually, depending on the required hours, by serving as research or teaching assistants. **Tuition is reduced to $25/semester**, but **students must pay UGA student fees** (about $2,200 annually). Students are not eligible for assistantship stipends in summer semesters while doing their internships.

Scholarships, low interest loans, and other types of financial assistance are available at UGA through the Student Financial Aid Department and the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. Applicants are encouraged to contact these offices directly to learn more. The Dietetic Internship Director can direct applicants to additional opportunities if requested.

[UGA Office of Financial Aid](https://osfa.uga.edu/)

[FACS Graduate Scholarships](https://www.fcs.uga.edu/ssac/scholarships-graduate)