

Policies of Program

Hours of work: You will work the same hours as your preceptor, generally 37.5 hours per week. You may be required to work longer days, weekends and early or evening shifts, if necessitated by the learning activities. You can expect to spend personal time in completing readings, assignments, research, etc.

Vacation: Interns are entitled to 10 statutory holidays plus 2 weeks of vacation, some of which will be scheduled at Christmas break.

Sick Time: The schedule will be adjusted, and may be extended, if illness prevents you from completing learning activities and achieving the required competencies.

Dress Code: You will wear professional clothes in keeping with the UHN dress code policy. A lab coat will be provided to use, as needed. The photo identification card provided must be worn at all times on hospital premises.

General Information

- 6-8 interns are accepted annually to begin the internship in October
- Dietetic interns do not receive a stipend.
- There is a tuition fee of \$110/calendar year (\$220 for the internship).
- Interns are required to be a qualifying member of Dietitians of Canada (DC), and to purchase DC professional liability insurance. DC accident insurance is recommended.

For Further Information

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University Health Network

Dietetic Internship Program

University Health Network offers an exciting, exemplary, challenging, and comprehensive dietetic internship program.

This invaluable internship provides extensive experiences in clinical, administrative, community nutrition and research. Our three diverse hospital sites, Toronto General Hospital, Toronto Western Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospital, operate in the multi-cultural setting of downtown Toronto. Our large acute care teaching hospital network concentrates activities within the following programs: Oncology & Blood Disorders, Heart & Circulation, Neural & Sensory Science, Transplantation, Community and Population Health, Musculoskeletal Health & Arthritis, and Advanced Medicine & Surgery.

Come join our team to learn advanced nutrition patient care and complex food systems. You will enjoy an education and learning experience that will provide a strong foundation for you in the field of dietetics!



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Toronto General Hospital Toronto Western Hospital Princess Margaret Hospital

46-week Program Outline

Orientation	1 week
Administration These rotations provide opportunities to learn about team building, coaching, labour relations, financial and quality management, and customer service. Our patient food service involves outsourced products, centralized cold assembly, delivery to various sites and rethermalization. Four weeks will be spent in an external rotation such as a food company.	12 weeks
Clinical Learning experiences in areas such as general medicine, surgery, endocrine, cardiology, nephrology, transplant, eating disorders, neurology and oncology facilitate the development of skills required to provide patient centred nutrition care.	16 weeks
Community Nutrition The rotation in an external community setting offers learning activities related to health promotion and population health.	4 weeks
Evidence Based Research In partnership with an intern peer and a research committee, interns plan, implement and evaluate a practice based research project. This project will require personal time in addition to the assigned 4 weeks.	4 weeks
Professional Development Ontario Core Lectures and Professional Development Days are provided on nutrition and professional issues. Also, ½ to 1 day each week is dedicated to education activities such as problem-based learning, lectures and seminars.	1 week
Electives The internship program has the flexibility for you to choose and organize elective rotations in areas of interest.	3 weeks
Vacation	2 weeks
Clinical/Administrative Relief	3 weeks

Internship Selection Procedure

Education

You must have a Bachelor's Degree from a Dietitians of Canada (DC) accredited university food/nutrition program or equivalent. You must have achieved at least a 70% average in professional courses, as well as in your third and fourth years.

Skills and Experience

We look for applicants who have demonstrated qualities of self-direction, self-confidence, and motivation as well as skills in leadership, communication, and problem analysis through academic achievement, related work and volunteer experience. Experience in both food service and clinical nutrition is an asset.

Language and Residency

Proficiency in the English language is required. The program is open to all residents of Canada. Canadian citizens and permanent residents have priority over visa students for all internship placements, as per employment and immigration policies.

Application Procedures

As per application package and procedures from Dietitians of Canada, you must submit by February 1st:

1. DC internship application form.
2. Letter of application in which you state your reason for choosing the dietetic profession, professional goals, your reason for applying to University Health Network internship program, your relevant activities demonstrating skills and experiences, and your identified areas for improvements with corresponding action plans for addressing them. (Maximum two pages, size 11 font.)
3. Résumé.
4. Official university transcript(s).
5. Three sealed confidential reports from professors and employers. It is strongly recommended that a registered dietitian prepare at least one of the three reports.
6. Confirmation of completion of academic concentration from University Course Director.

Qualified candidates will be interviewed in person or by telephone. The interview consists of oral and written questions. Candidates matched to the University Health Network will be accepted on the condition that a minimum 70% average is achieved upon graduation from University.