



Dietetic Internship Handbook

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SECTION 1: Overview and Getting Started

Introduction to the Arizona State University Dietetic Internship

The Nutrition Program at Arizona State University (ASU) offers multiple track options for students pursuing the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) credential through supervised practice and graduate education:

1. MS/DI Standard Track
2. MS/DI Veterans Affairs (VA) Track
3. Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway (ISPP)

The ASU Dietetic Internship prepares students to become entry-level Registered Dietitian Nutritionists, ready to work in hospitals, clinics, public health organizations, private practice, government agencies, schools, and the food industry. Graduates are trained in medical nutrition therapy, foodservice management, community education, and nutrition counseling across the lifespan.

The ISPP option is available to eligible Arizona State University Nutrition and Exercise Science PhD students. Prior documented learning and supervised practice experiences will be evaluated in accordance with program policy. The ISPP option is being phased out and must be completed by August 1, 2028.

ASU's Dietetic Internship is accredited by the **Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)** of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND), 120 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, (312) 899-0040 ext. 5400.

All coursework is delivered in person at the **ASU Downtown Phoenix campus**, and all supervised practice experiences take place within Arizona.

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Additional information can be found on the [ASU Dietetic Internship Website](#)

Arizona State University Dietetic Internship Track Options

Arizona State University offers two track options for the combined Master of Science (MS) in Nutritional Science and Dietetic Internship program and an ISPP option:

Track	MS/DI Track	VA MS/DI Track	ISPP Option
Interns Accepted	16	6	2
Eligibility	Open to graduates of any accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD). International students may apply.	Open to graduates of an accredited DPD program. Must be a U.S. citizen.	Open to Arizona State University Nutrition and Exercise Science PhD program graduates.
Program Focus	Preparation for entry-level RDN practice with a strong foundation in graduate-level nutrition and research.	Supervised practice through the VA Health Care System, with a focus on serving veterans and federal healthcare settings.	Preparation for entry-level RDN practice with a strong foundation in graduate-level nutrition and research.
Program Location	Coursework at ASU Downtown Phoenix campus with supervised practice at sites across the Greater Phoenix area.	Coursework at ASU Downtown Phoenix and supervised practice at either the Phoenix VA Medical Center or the Northern Arizona VA Medical Center (Prescott).	Coursework at ASU Downtown Phoenix campus with supervised practice at sites across the Greater Phoenix area.
Graduate Credits Required	33	31	6
Supervised Practice Hours	~1,100	~1,100	1000
Program Length	24 months	16 months	24 months
Schedule	Year 1: Coursework and thesis/applied project Year 2: Full-time supervised practice (September–March)	Coursework concurrent with part-time supervised practice (May–May) and an applied research project.	Supervised practice at the completion of PhD
Start Term	Fall semester	Spring semester	Summer semester
Application Deadline	January 15	September 10	First year of PhD

Program Mission and Goals

Mission

The mission of the Arizona State University Dietetic Internship is to prepare competent, compassionate, and evidence-based Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs) who can apply their academic knowledge to real-world practice. Through a strong foundation of supervised practice and graduate education, interns will develop the skills needed to promote nutrition, health, and well-being across diverse communities and settings.

Program Goals and Objectives

Goal #1: Graduates will successfully complete the program and be prepared for entry-level practice as registered dietitian nutritionists.

Objectives

- **Program Completion:** At least 80% of interns complete program requirements within 150% of the planned program length.
 - MS/DI Standard Track: 150% = 36 months
 - MS/DI VA Track: 150% = 24 months
 - ISPP: 150% = 36 months
- **Registration Examination Participation:** At least 80 percent of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.
- **Registration Examination Pass Rate:** The program's one-year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%.

Goal #2: Graduates will obtain employment in nutrition and dietetics or related fields.

Objectives

- **Graduate Employment:** Of graduates who seek employment, at least 80 percent are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.
- **Employer Satisfaction:** Of employers who respond to the employer satisfaction survey, at least 80 percent will rate graduates as prepared for entry-level practice in nutrition and dietetics.

Program Outcomes Data: Program outcomes data are available upon request.

Admission Procedures

Program Track Overview

The Arizona State University Dietetic Internship offers the following program options:

MS/DI Standard Track

A two-year combined graduate and supervised practice program beginning in the fall semester. Students complete graduate coursework, a thesis or applied project, and approximately 1,100 supervised practice hours.

MS/DI VA Track

A 16-month program beginning in the spring semester that combines graduate coursework with part-time supervised practice experiences within the Veterans Health Administration and affiliated sites.

Application Process**Step 1: Dietetic Internship Application (DICAS)**

Applicants must submit a completed application through the Dietetics Inclusive Centralized Application System (DICAS).

Application materials include:

DPD Verification Statement or Declaration of Intent
Official transcripts
Resume or curriculum vitae
Three professional references
Personal Statement
Participation in a Zoom interview if selected

Detailed application instructions and deadlines are available on the program website and through DICAS.

Step 2: ASU Graduate Application

After acceptance into the Dietetic Internship program, applicants must apply separately to the ASU MS in Nutritional Science program through ASU Graduate Admissions.

Additional application instructions are provided upon acceptance into the internship program.

General Admissions Information

- Minimum GPA requirement: 3.0 cumulative and/or DPD GPA
- Admissions decisions are based on holistic review of academic performance, professional experiences, communication skills, leadership potential, and alignment with program goals.
- Finalists will be invited to participate in a Zoom interview.

Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway (ISPP)

An individualized supervised practice pathway available to eligible Arizona State University Nutrition and Exercise Science PhD students. Prior documented learning and supervised practice

experiences may be evaluated according to program policy. The ISPP option must be completed by August 1, 2028.

Application Process

Eligible Arizona State University Nutrition and Exercise Science PhD students interested in the Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway (ISPP) should contact the Dietetic Internship Director during the first year of the PhD program to discuss eligibility, prior learning documentation requirements, and individualized supervised practice planning.

Interested applicants should contact:

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Dietetic Internship Director
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Application materials and individualized supervised practice planning will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis in accordance with ACEND ISPP requirements and program policies.

Special Applicant Notes

International Students

International applicants must review ACEND procedures for foreign-trained dietitians and meet ASU graduate admission requirements. More info:
<https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate-apply>

Recency of Education Policy

DPD coursework must be completed within the past five years. Older coursework may require supplemental courses or professional experience. Final eligibility decisions are made by the DI Directors.

Non-Discrimination Statement

ASU and the Nutrition Program do not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or other protected status in admissions or program operations.

MS/DI Program Costs

Program Fees	Cost
*This ASU Tuition information is for Fall 2026 rates: Please check for updates at: https://catalog.asu.edu/tuitionandfees/	
1 st year of MS-degree courses: (typically 12 credits in fall and 15 in spring): AZ Residents: \$7,993/semester Non-Residents: \$20,799/semester	AZ residents \$15,986 Non-residents \$41,598
2 nd year of supervised practice: 3 credits NTR 580 in fall and 3 in spring (based on Fall 2026 tuition rates) AZ Residents: \$4,276/semester (includes \$1,000 DI program fee)	AZ residents \$8,552 Non-residents \$12,572

Non-Residents: \$6,286/semester (includes \$1,000 DI program fee)	
ASU Graduate School Application Fee	\$70
DICAS application fee	\$50
Students reimbursed for cost of: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Student Membership, Student Professional Liability Insurance, Background Check, Fingerprint clearance, immunization, TB test, drug screening	(\$342)
Total for 2-year program*:	AZ residents \$24,658 Non-residents \$54,290

MS/DI - VA Program Costs

Program Fees	Cost
*This ASU Tuition information is for Fall 2026 rates: Please check for updates at: https://catalog.asu.edu/tuitionandfees/	
2026 ASU Tuition/Fees for three semesters and a summer session (optional but calculated in here) – includes \$1000 internship fee for Spring and Fall	AZ Resident: \$25,100 Non-resident: \$47,107
ASU Graduate School Application Fee	\$70
DICAS application fee	\$50
Students reimbursed for cost of: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Student Membership, Student Professional Liability Insurance, Background Check, Fingerprint clearance, immunization, TB test, drug screening	(\$342)
Total for 1.5-year program*:	AZ residents \$25,220 Non-residents \$47,227

ISPP Program Costs

Program Fees	Cost
*This ASU Tuition information is for Fall 2026 rates: Please check for updates at: https://catalog.asu.edu/tuitionandfees/	
Estimated tuition and fees for 6 credits during the summer term include a \$1,000 internship fee. Additional coursework or extension beyond the planned program timeline may result in additional costs.	AZ Resident: \$5,260 Non-resident: \$8,854
ASU Graduate School Application Fee	\$70
Students reimbursed for cost of: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Student Membership, Student Professional Liability Insurance, Background Check, Fingerprint clearance, immunization, TB test, drug screening	(\$342)
Estimated Total Internship Cost (excluding PhD tuition and fees)	AZ residents \$5,330 Non-residents \$8,924

****Costs are estimated based on Fall 2026 rates. Actual costs may vary slightly based on ASU graduate tuition fees.***

Tuition Payment

Tuition payments follow the standard Arizona State University deadlines and policies. For the most current information, visit:

👉 [ASU Tuition Deadlines and Policies](#)

All dietetic interns must:

- Be officially admitted as ASU graduate students
- Be registered for **NTR 580 (Practicum)** credits by the first day of each semester during the supervised practice year (Fall and Spring)

Failure to register on time may delay participation in the internship program.

Financial Aid and Support Options

Most graduate students in the Nutrition program fund their education through a combination of employment, loans, and scholarships. Common financial support options include:

- **Graduate Service Assistantships (GSAs):**
Hourly wage positions supporting course instruction or faculty projects. Most GSA appointments range from **10 to 20 hours per week** and these positions can be taken during the 1st and 2nd year of the program.
- **Student Loans:**
Interns may apply for federal student loans through the ASU Financial Aid Office. Loan deferment is typically possible for existing loans with a letter of enrollment from the DI Director.
👉 [Learn more and apply: ASU Graduate Financial Aid](#)
- **Part-Time Employment:**
Many interns have successfully worked part-time (10–20 hours/week) during the academic year, primarily in the evenings or on weekends. Flexibility is key, especially during supervised practice.
- **Scholarships:**
Interns are strongly encouraged to apply for scholarships, including those offered by:
 - The **Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics**
👉 [Scholarship Information](#)
 - **ASU and the College of Health Solutions**
👉 [Search ASU Scholarships](#)

Other Costs/Requirements for Dietetic Interns

Interns must have **reliable transportation**, as most supervised practice rotations take place at off-campus locations throughout the Phoenix metropolitan area. Interns are also required to maintain **health insurance** and **automobile insurance** during the program.

Before beginning supervised practice, interns must submit documentation of the following health and safety requirements (or proof of immunity where applicable):

- Negative TB test

- Hepatitis B vaccination (or signed declination form)
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) series
- Tetanus vaccination
- Chickenpox (Varicella) vaccination or documentation of immunity
- Urine drug screen
- Fingerprint clearance and background check
- CPR certification (Basic Life Support)
- Influenza vaccination (required between October 1 – March 31)

*Note: As of 2025, most supervised practice sites **do not require COVID-19 vaccination**, but policies are subject to change. VA sites do require COVID-19 vaccination.*

Cost Reimbursement

The ASU Dietetic Internship program provides **up to \$342.50 in reimbursement** for required onboarding expenses. This typically covers most, if not all, of the costs associated with health screenings, certifications, and clearances.

Estimated Living and Transportation Costs

- **Housing:**
The average rent for a one-bedroom apartment in the Phoenix area is approximately **\$1,334/month** (as of May 2025). Rates vary by neighborhood and apartment amenities.
- **Transportation:**
Assuming an average daily commute of 20 miles and fuel efficiency of 25 miles per gallon, interns should budget around **\$3.62 per day** in gas.
(Based on May 2026 gas price average of \$4.52/gallon)

SECTION 2: Program Structure and Requirements

Internship Schedule

Students admitted to the Arizona State University Dietetic Internship Program receive official notification of admission from the Dietetic Internship Program following the admissions review process.

Newly admitted students are invited to attend the ASU Nutrition Program Graduate Student Orientation prior to the start of the academic year.

The program follows the Arizona State University academic calendar when applicable. Current academic calendar information is available on the [ASU Academic Calendar website](#).

MS/DI Standard Track

Year 1: Graduate Coursework and Research

During the first year of the program, students complete graduate coursework toward the Master of Science in Nutritional Science degree while beginning work on either a thesis or applied project under faculty mentorship.

Students complete a Plan of Study in consultation with their academic committee and graduate faculty advisor.

The MS degree requires a minimum of 30 graduate credit hours. Internship practicum credits (NTR 580) may be applied toward degree requirements in accordance with university policy.

Students may also participate in optional specialized opportunities in areas such as Sports Nutrition and Maternal & Child Health.

Year 2: Supervised Practice (Dietetic Internship)

The supervised practice portion of the program begins in September of the second year and continues through late March.

Students enroll in NTR 580 (Practicum) during both the fall and spring semesters while completing approximately 1,100 hours of supervised practice across prearranged affiliated practice sites throughout the greater Phoenix area.

Supervised practice experiences include:

- Clinical nutrition and medical nutrition therapy
- Foodservice management
- Community and public health nutrition
- Specialty and enrichment experiences

Interns work closely with Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs) and other qualified preceptors in a variety of healthcare and community settings, including hospitals, outpatient clinics, school nutrition programs, public health agencies, and specialty practice sites.

Supervised practice placements are coordinated through established ASU-affiliated practice sites. Interns are not responsible for securing their own rotation sites or preceptors.

MS/DI VA Track

The MS/DI VA Track begins during the spring semester in January with graduate coursework in the MS in Nutritional Science program.

Students continue graduate coursework through the summer, fall, and following spring semesters while completing part-time supervised practice experiences beginning in August.

The majority of supervised practice experiences are completed at the Phoenix VA Health Care System, where interns gain experience in clinical nutrition, foodservice management, and interdisciplinary healthcare practice.

Additional community-based experiences may include affiliated sites such as WIC, AZDHS, school nutrition programs, and other community health organizations.

Interns complete approximately 1,100 hours of supervised practice while enrolled in graduate coursework and an applied research project.

Supervised practice placements are coordinated through established ASU and VA-affiliated practice sites. Interns are not responsible for securing their own rotation sites or preceptors.

Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway (ISPP)

The Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway (ISPP) option is available to eligible Arizona State University Nutrition and Exercise Science PhD students.

The ISPP is an individualized supervised practice pathway designed to allow qualified doctoral students to complete required dietetic supervised practice experiences while integrating prior documented learning and research experiences.

Supervised practice begins following completion of required PhD milestones and is individualized based on prior learning evaluation, competency needs, and program requirements (1000 hours).

Interns complete supervised practice experiences across approved affiliated practice sites while meeting all ACEND-required competencies and program expectations.

All ISPP requirements, including supervised practice and competency completion, must be completed prior to August 1, 2028, when the ISPP option will sunset.

Dietetic Internship options (MS/DI and VA track, ISPP)

Rotation	Practice Site(s)	Weeks	Hours	MS/DI and VA Track	ISPP
Research	Completed as part of MS degree		150 (didactic)	Thesis or applied project	200 hours (3 years of PhD), completion of dissertation
NTR 598: MNT Simulation & Practice	ASU campus course (Spring, Year 1)	15	150 (didactic)	Clinical simulation course	

NTR 580: Internship Course, taken during supervised practice	Online course	6 credits	part of supervised practice		
Clinical Nutrition / Medical Nutrition Therapy	Includes Banner hospitals, HonorHealth, Mayo Clinic, Phoenix VA, private practices, and specialty centers across the Phoenix area	12	480	Acute, outpatient, renal, LTC, etc.	
Foodservice Management	School districts, hospitals	5	200	Focus on management & operations	
Community / Public Health	WIC, ASU Employee Wellness, Pinnacle Prevention, etc.	2	80	Public health and wellness focus	
Enrichment	Intern selects area of focus	1	40	Intern selects	Intern selects as time allows
Vacation	Veterans Day, MLK Day, Thanksgiving Week, Winter Break			~4 weeks of academic breaks	Typically no breaks over the summer when completing supervised practice

Total Duration and Hours

- Total Supervised Practice Duration: Approximately 20 weeks
- Total Hours (including didactic): 1,100

Notes:

- Practice site availability may vary each year.
- Interns are expected to be available full-time during rotations.
- Thanksgiving and Winter Breaks are observed; Fall/Spring Breaks are not.

Program Completion Requirements

To successfully complete the Arizona State University Dietetic Internship Program and receive a Verification Statement, interns must fulfill all supervised practice and graduate degree requirements associated with their program track.

Dietetic Internship (Practicum) Requirements

Interns must:

- Successfully complete all supervised practice rotations and required program activities
- Demonstrate competency attainment in all ACEND-required RDN competencies
- Earn satisfactory evaluations and complete all required assignments and assessments
- Submit all required rotation evaluations and program documentation

All supervised practice requirements must be completed within 150% of the planned program length:

- MS/DI Standard Track: 36 months
 - MS/DI VA Track: 24 months
 - ISPP: 36 months
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Master of Science Degree Requirements

(MS/DI Standard and VA Tracks)

Interns enrolled in the MS in Nutritional Science program must:

- Successfully complete all graduate coursework outlined in the approved Plan of Study
 - Complete either a thesis or applied project under faculty supervision
 - Successfully defend the thesis, when applicable
 - Meet all university and graduate degree requirements prior to degree conferral
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Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway (ISPP)

ISPP interns must complete all required supervised practice competencies, program assignments, and documentation prior to August 1, 2028.

Verification Statement

Once all supervised practice and degree requirements have been completed and verified, interns will receive a Verification Statement from the ASU Dietetic Internship Director.

The Verification Statement confirms eligibility to take the Registration Examination for Dietitian Nutritionists administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR).

Definition of Terms

DI Director:

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Nutrition Program
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Assistant DI Director:

Shauna Grant, MS, RDN, CNSC
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Site Director:

The RDN or Manager that is the main supervisor of the intern during their assigned rotations throughout the time they are at a specific site.

Preceptor:

The supervisor (usually an RDN) that the intern reports to during a specific day/week/topic of each rotation. At some sites, the Preceptor and the Site Director may be the same.

Rotation Curriculum and Evaluation Guidelines

Rotation Evaluation and Assessment

Intern performance is evaluated throughout supervised practice using competency-based evaluation tools aligned with ACEND Core Competencies for Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs).

Evaluation methods may include:

- Midpoint and final rotation evaluations
- Competency-based assessments
- Case studies and presentations
- Written assignments and projects
- Faculty and preceptor feedback

Preceptors complete both midpoint (formative) and final (summative) evaluations for supervised practice rotations. Midpoint evaluations are designed to provide interns with constructive feedback and opportunities for improvement prior to completion of the rotation.

Final evaluations assess whether interns have demonstrated competency attainment and entry-level performance expectations.

Evaluation tools are completed through the program's electronic evaluation and learning management systems, as applicable.

Interns are expected to review evaluation feedback regularly and communicate with preceptors and program faculty regarding progress and areas needing improvement.

Written Assignments and Competency Assessment

Interns complete a variety of written assignments, projects, presentations, case studies, and competency-based activities throughout supervised practice rotations and associated coursework.

Assignments may be reviewed by preceptors, faculty, and/or program directors, depending on the nature of the assignment and associated competencies.

Assignments are submitted through program-approved learning management and evaluation systems, including Canvas, as applicable.

Evaluation methods may include:

- Rubric-based grading
- Competency-based assessments
- Written feedback from preceptors and faculty
- Midpoint and final rotation evaluations
- Case studies and presentations

Assignments and competency assessments are designed to evaluate intern progress toward ACEND-required Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) competencies.

Interns may be required to revise and resubmit assignments that do not meet program expectations or competency requirements.

Grading

Interns receive final grades for NTR 580 (Practicum) at the conclusion of each semester.

Grades are based on:

- Completion and quality of assignments and projects
- Competency attainment
- Midpoint and final preceptor evaluations
- Professionalism and participation in supervised practice activities
- Satisfactory progress toward ACEND-required competencies

Program faculty and directors review assignment performance, competency assessments, and supervised practice evaluations when determining final practicum grades.

Final grades are submitted through the ASU grading system and recorded on the intern's official transcript.

Intern Tracking of Rotation Hours

Interns are responsible for accurately tracking all supervised practice hours completed throughout the program.

Hours must be documented using program-approved tracking methods and submitted according to program guidelines. Interns are expected to maintain current and accurate records of supervised practice activities, including rotation dates, hours completed, and assigned practice sites.

Preceptors are responsible for reviewing and verifying completed supervised practice hours at the conclusion of each rotation or designated reporting period.

Hour documentation must be submitted to the Dietetic Internship Director as required for program records and verification of supervised practice completion.

Failure to maintain accurate and timely documentation of supervised practice hours may delay program completion and issuance of the Verification Statement.

SECTION 3: Distance Education and Technology Requirements

Distance Education and Technology Requirements

The Arizona State University Dietetic Internship includes select hybrid and distance education experiences integrated throughout the program.

Distance education components may include:

- Hybrid graduate coursework
- Remote supervised practice experiences
- Virtual meetings and case discussions
- Online assignments and competency assessments are conducted through Canvas and other approved electronic platforms

Examples of hybrid and remote learning experiences include:

NTR 598: Medical Nutrition Therapy Simulation and Practice

NTR 598 is a hybrid graduate course that combines in-person simulation experiences with online learning activities. Students participate in weekly in-person simulation laboratory sessions while completing additional coursework and assignments remotely.

WIC Community Nutrition Rotations

Some WIC supervised practice experiences utilize remote and hybrid service delivery models. Interns participate in virtual meetings, counseling activities, and regular Zoom sessions with preceptors while completing supervised practice requirements.

Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS)

Some AZDHS supervised practice experiences are conducted remotely. Interns participate in virtual meetings, projects, and supervised activities through regular communication with preceptors and interdisciplinary teams.

Technology Requirements

Interns are expected to have regular access to the following technology throughout the program:

- Desktop or laptop computer (recommended within the last five years)
- Reliable high-speed internet access
- Updated web browser (Google Chrome preferred for Canvas)
- Audio speakers and/or headphones
- Webcam and microphone
- Word processing software
- Smartphone or mobile device capable of downloading required applications

Canvas should primarily be accessed using a desktop or laptop computer. Chromebooks and Netbooks are not recommended because some testing and educational software may not be fully supported.

ASU students have access to Google Workspace and Microsoft 365 as part of university enrollment.

Students experiencing technology-related hardships are encouraged to contact program faculty or ASU support services for assistance and available resources.

SECTION 4: Policies and Procedures

Dietetic Internship Retention and Remediation Policy

Interns are expected to demonstrate satisfactory progress toward attainment of ACEND-required Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) competencies and successful completion of all supervised practice and program requirements.

The Arizona State University Dietetic Internship Program is committed to supporting intern success through ongoing feedback, communication, and individualized guidance.

Early Identification and Intervention

Interns are encouraged to communicate with Preceptors and Program Directors regarding any academic, professional, or supervised practice concerns that may affect performance or progress in the program.

If a Preceptor or Program Director identifies concerns related to performance, professionalism, competency attainment, or successful progression through supervised practice, the intern will be notified as early as possible, and appropriate support measures will be initiated.

Intern progress will be monitored through competency-based evaluations, assignment performance, midpoint and final rotation evaluations, and ongoing communication between interns, preceptors, and program faculty.

Support measures may include:

- Additional meetings with faculty or preceptors
 - Targeted feedback and mentoring
 - Additional assignments or learning activities
 - Revision and resubmission of assignments
 - Development of individualized improvement strategies
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Remediation and Probation

If an intern receives an unsatisfactory evaluation, demonstrates difficulty meeting required competencies, or fails to meet program expectations, the intern may be placed on probationary status.

An Individualized Improvement Plan (IIP) will be developed collaboratively by the Program Director, Preceptor, and intern. The plan may include:

- Additional assignments or competency activities
- Repetition of selected supervised practice experiences
- Additional supervised practice hours
- Extension of supervised practice beyond the standard program timeline, when appropriate

Progress toward remediation goals will be reviewed according to timelines established within the Individualized Improvement Plan (IIP).

Any revised rotation schedules or remediation activities must be approved by the Program Director and applicable Preceptors.

Documentation related to remediation, probation, improvement plans, and competency attainment will be maintained in the intern's program file in accordance with university and accreditation requirements.

Interns who do not successfully meet the requirements outlined in the remediation plan may be subject to additional disciplinary action or dismissal from the program in accordance with university and program policies.

Program faculty may also counsel interns regarding academic or professional pathways that best support the intern's long-term success and professional goals.

Disciplinary/Termination Procedures

Interns are expected to maintain professional behavior and meet all academic, supervised practice, and program expectations throughout the Dietetic Internship program.

When concerns related to professionalism, conduct, academic performance, or supervised practice responsibilities arise, the program will work with interns to address issues through communication, feedback, and corrective action when appropriate.

Written Warnings and Corrective Action

If concerns regarding intern behavior or performance are identified, the Program Director may issue a written warning and schedule a conference with the intern and, when appropriate, the Preceptor.

During the conference, the identified concerns, expectations for improvement, and corrective action steps will be reviewed. A corrective action plan and timeline for improvement may be established.

Intern progress will be re-evaluated at the conclusion of the designated remediation period.

Repeated or Ongoing Concerns

Interns who demonstrate repeated concerns related to professionalism, attendance, conduct, competency attainment, or program expectations may be subject to additional disciplinary action, probation, or dismissal from the program.

Repeated written warnings may result in dismissal from the program at the discretion of the Program Director.

Immediate Causes for Disciplinary Action or Dismissal

The following behaviors may result in immediate disciplinary action or dismissal from the program:

- Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol during supervised practice or program activities
- Harassment, threats, discrimination, or physical/verbal misconduct
- Theft or misuse of property or confidential information
- Failure to follow program, site, university, or preceptor expectations
- Unexcused absences or repeated tardiness
- Failure to complete required assignments, evaluations, or supervised practice activities
- Academic dishonesty or falsification of records
- Unprofessional conduct toward preceptors, faculty, staff, patients, clients, or peers
- Failure to maintain satisfactory progress in graduate coursework or supervised practice
- Failure to comply with university, clinical site, or program policies and procedures

Final Decisions

The Dietetic Internship Director maintains final authority regarding disciplinary actions, probation, and dismissal decisions in accordance with Arizona State University and program policies.

Interns maintain the right to access university grievance and appeals procedures as outlined elsewhere in this handbook.

Policy on Prior Learning and Supervised Practice Experience

The Arizona State University Dietetic Internship Program does not grant exemption from supervised practice rotations, assignments, or competency requirements within the MS/DI Standard Track or MS/DI VA Track based on prior coursework, employment, volunteer experiences, or other previous learning experiences.

All interns enrolled in the MS/DI Standard Track and MS/DI VA Track are required to complete all supervised practice rotations, assignments, evaluations, and ACEND-required competencies as outlined by the program.

Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway (ISPP)

The Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway (ISPP) option may allow evaluation of prior documented learning and supervised practice experiences for eligible Arizona State University Nutrition and Exercise Science PhD students.

Prior learning and supervised practice experiences may be reviewed by program faculty to determine whether specific ACEND-required competencies have been previously achieved.

Documentation for prior learning review may include:

- Academic coursework
- Research experiences
- Employment experiences
- Professional certifications or training
- Supervised practice documentation
- Competency-based evidence and supporting materials

Documentation of prior supervised practice experiences must include verification of hours and activities completed under the supervision of qualified professionals. Additional supporting materials, evaluations, or competency documentation may be required by the program.

The Program Director and designated faculty maintain final authority regarding acceptance of prior learning experiences and determination of competency attainment.

All ISPP interns must still complete all remaining program requirements, competency assessments, and supervised practice activities required for issuance of the Verification Statement.

Policy on Replacement of Employees

Supervised practice experiences within the Arizona State University Dietetic Internship Program are provided solely for educational purposes and are not intended to replace employed staff at supervised practice sites.

Interns may participate in patient care, foodservice, community nutrition, administrative, or other work-related activities only as part of planned educational experiences designed to support attainment of ACEND-required competencies and supervised practice objectives.

All supervised practice activities must:

- Align with ACEND competency requirements
- Support educational and professional development goals
- Occur under the supervision of qualified preceptors and program personnel

Preceptors and supervised practice sites are expected to provide learning experiences that support competency development and entry-level preparation rather than routine staff replacement.

The Dietetic Internship Director maintains oversight of supervised practice schedules, learning activities, and competency requirements to ensure educational integrity across all rotation experiences.

Protection of Privacy Policy

The Arizona State University Dietetic Internship Program maintains intern records and program documentation in secure electronic and/or university-approved storage systems in accordance with university privacy, FERPA, and confidentiality policies.

Access to intern records is limited to authorized program faculty, staff, and university personnel with legitimate educational or administrative responsibilities.

Intern records may include:

- Evaluation forms
- Competency assessments
- Academic and supervised practice documentation
- Program communications
- Remediation or disciplinary documentation
- Required program forms and assignments

Intern assignments, projects, or presentations may be shared with faculty, preceptors, or fellow interns for educational purposes when appropriate.

Interns have the right to review their educational records in accordance with university policies and applicable privacy regulations.

Grievance Procedures

Interns are encouraged to address concerns and conflicts in a timely, respectful, and professional manner whenever possible.

Grievances related to course grades, academic policies, or university-related matters will follow the procedures outlined in the [Arizona State University College of Health Solutions Student Handbook](#) and applicable university policies.

Concerns related to supervised practice experiences, preceptors, supervised practice sites, or program operations should follow the process outlined below:

1. The intern should first attempt to resolve the concern directly with the Preceptor, Site Director, or involved individual whenever appropriate.
2. If the concern is not resolved, the intern should discuss the matter with the Dietetic Internship Director.
3. If additional review is needed, the intern may submit a formal written complaint to the Associate Director of the ASU Nutrition Program or other designated college administrator.
4. Interns may also utilize formal grievance procedures available through the College of Health Solutions and Arizona State University.
5. If all university-level grievance procedures have been exhausted, complaints related to ACEND accreditation standards may be submitted to the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND).

Interns will not be subject to retaliation for filing a grievance or participating in the grievance process in good faith.

Complaints about Accredited Programs

Any individual, including interns, faculty, preceptors, or members of the public, may submit a complaint regarding an ACEND-accredited program if there is reason to believe the program is not in compliance with ACEND accreditation standards or policies.

ACEND does not intervene in matters related to:

- Individual admissions decisions
- Grades
- Disciplinary actions
- Dismissal decisions
- Other institutional academic matters

Whenever possible, concerns should first be addressed through the Arizona State University Dietetic Internship Program and university grievance procedures before submitting a complaint to ACEND.

Complaints submitted to ACEND must:

- Be submitted in writing
- Include the name and contact information of the complainant
- Identify the specific accreditation standard(s) being addressed

Anonymous complaints are not accepted.

Information regarding ACEND accreditation standards and complaint procedures is available on the [ACEND website](#).

Submit Complaints To:

Chair

Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
120 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190
Chicago, IL 60606-6995

Phone: 1-800-877-1600 ext. 5400

Email: acend@eatright.org

SECTION 5: Attendance, Conduct, and Professionalism

Policies on Vacation/Holidays/Leave/Attendance

Interns are expected to maintain professional attendance, punctuality, and engagement throughout all supervised practice and program activities.

Program schedules generally follow the Arizona State University academic calendar; however, supervised practice schedules may vary by track and rotation site.

Typical scheduled breaks during supervised practice may include:

- Thanksgiving break
- Winter holiday break
- University-recognized holidays, including Veterans Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Track-Specific Schedule Notes

- MS/DI Standard Track interns generally receive approximately three weeks of winter break aligned with the ASU academic calendar.
- MS/DI VA Track interns follow the VA-supervised practice schedule and typically receive approximately two weeks of winter break.

Interns do not typically receive vacation time during ASU Fall or Spring Break periods unless specifically approved by the program.

Rotation schedules, holiday schedules, and supervised practice calendars are distributed prior to the internship year and may vary based on practice site requirements.

Requests to observe religious holidays or other special circumstances should be discussed with the Dietetic Internship Director in advance whenever possible.

Allowable Absences

Sick Leave or Emergency Absence

Interns are permitted up to two sick days during the supervised practice year.

Absences must be reported promptly to the appropriate Preceptor, Site Director, and Dietetic Internship Director.

Missed supervised practice hours may be required to be made up based on program, site, and competency requirements. For short rotations, all missed days may require make-up time.

Extended absences or non-emergency absences require prior approval from the Dietetic Internship Director.

Bereavement Leave

Interns may receive up to three days of bereavement leave for the death of an immediate family member.

Documentation may be requested. Missed supervised practice hours may require make-up time depending on rotation requirements.

Extended Leave

Interns requiring extended leave for medical, family, or personal circumstances should contact the Dietetic Internship Director as soon as possible.

When appropriate, interns may receive an incomplete grade or an adjusted supervised practice schedule to allow completion of program requirements within the allowable program timeframe.

Failure to complete all program requirements within 150% of the planned program length may result in dismissal from the program.

Reporting and Documentation of Absences

Interns are responsible for:

- Promptly notifying Preceptors, Site Directors, and program faculty of absences
- Documenting missed hours and make-up time
- Maintaining accurate supervised practice time records

Absences and attendance concerns may be documented within intern evaluations and program records.

Important Expectations

- Unexcused absences are not permitted and may result in disciplinary action.
- Interns remain responsible for completing all required assignments, supervised practice hours, and competency requirements.
- Makeup time and revised schedules must be approved by the Dietetic Internship Director and applicable Preceptors.

Unusual Occurrence Policy and Liability

An unusual occurrence is any incident or event during supervised practice or program activities that may result in injury, illness, safety concerns, or potential harm to an intern, patient, client, staff member, or facility.

Interns are expected to follow all site safety procedures and promptly report incidents or concerns that occur during supervised practice experiences.

Reporting Procedures

If an unusual occurrence occurs, interns should:

1. Immediately notify the supervising Preceptor and Dietetic Internship Director.
2. Seek appropriate medical attention or emergency care, when necessary.
3. Complete a Report of Unusual Occurrence form provided by the program.
4. Submit completed documentation to the Dietetic Internship Director.

Program records related to unusual occurrences will be maintained in accordance with university and program policies.

If medical care is declined or documentation cannot be completed by the intern, the supervising Preceptor and/or Program Director will document the circumstances as appropriate.

Liability and Insurance

Interns are responsible for maintaining personal health insurance, professional liability insurance, and automobile insurance throughout the program.

Interns are not considered employees of supervised practice sites and are generally not covered under workers' compensation policies for internship-related activities.

Arizona State University and supervised practice sites are not financially responsible for healthcare costs associated with illness, injury, or accidents that may occur during supervised practice experiences or travel to and from assigned activities.

Program Withdrawal Policy

Interns may voluntarily withdraw from the Arizona State University Dietetic Internship Program and/or Arizona State University at any time in accordance with university policies and procedures.

Withdrawal from the program is considered permanent unless otherwise approved by the Dietetic Internship Director and applicable university policies.

Interns considering withdrawal are encouraged to discuss their situation with the Dietetic Internship Director and academic advisors prior to initiating the withdrawal process whenever possible.

University Policies and Resources

For information regarding university deadlines, policies, and procedures related to withdrawal, please refer to the following ASU resources:

- ASU Academic Calendar and Registration Deadlines:
<http://students.asu.edu/academic-calendar>
 - ASU Graduate Student Withdrawal Policies:
<https://graduate.asu.edu/key-policies>
 - ASU Tuition Refund Policy:
<https://students.asu.edu/tuitionrefundpolicy>
 - Medical or Compassionate Withdrawal Information:
<http://students.asu.edu/forms/medical-compassionate-withdrawal-request>
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Tuition and Program Fees

Refunds for ASU tuition and university fees are determined according to official ASU tuition refund policies and deadlines.

Application fees, DICAS fees, computer matching fees, immunizations, liability insurance, background checks, TB testing, and other internship-related expenses are generally non-refundable.

Attire and Appearance Policies

Interns are expected to maintain a professional appearance and comply with the dress code requirements of each supervised practice site and university activity.

Professional appearance standards may vary by practice setting, and interns are responsible for following all site-specific attire, identification, and safety requirements.

General Appearance Expectations

Interns are expected to:

- Maintain a neat, clean, and professional appearance
- Wear business casual or site-approved professional attire unless otherwise directed
- Wear closed-toe and closed-heel shoes during supervised practice experiences
- Wear an ASU name badge and/or site-issued identification badge as required
- Wear scrubs, lab coats, or other required attire when appropriate for the practice setting

Examples of attire that may not meet professional expectations include:

- Torn or excessively casual clothing

- Revealing attire
 - Athletic wear not approved by the practice site
 - Clothing that does not meet site safety or infection-control requirements
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Foodservice and Clinical Safety Requirements

During foodservice and other applicable supervised practice experiences, interns may be required to:

- Wear hair coverings or other protective equipment
 - Limit jewelry
 - Follow infection control and food safety guidelines regarding nails, nail polish, and personal hygiene
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Professional Expectations

Preceptors, supervised practice sites, and program faculty reserve the right to require modifications to attire or appearance if it does not meet professional, safety, or site-specific expectations.

Failure to comply with professional appearance standards may result in removal from a supervised practice activity or additional corrective action.

General Expectations of Interns and Directors

The Arizona State University Dietetic Internship Program is committed to maintaining a professional, supportive, and collaborative learning environment that promotes intern success, ethical practice, and attainment of ACEND-required competencies.

Interns, Preceptors, and Program Directors are expected to communicate professionally, demonstrate respect for others, and contribute positively to supervised practice and program activities.

Intern Expectations

Interns are expected to:

- Follow all ASU Dietetic Internship, university, and supervised practice site policies and procedures
- Demonstrate professionalism, ethical conduct, and accountability in all academic and supervised practice settings
- Complete all required assignments, evaluations, projects, and supervised practice activities by established deadlines
- Arrive prepared, punctual, and actively engaged in supervised practice experiences
- Maintain confidentiality and comply with HIPAA, FERPA, and site-specific privacy requirements
- Communicate promptly and professionally with Preceptors, faculty, and program staff
- Follow the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Code of Ethics
- Demonstrate respectful, culturally responsive, and professional interactions with patients, clients, staff, faculty, and peers
- Take responsibility for professional growth, self-reflection, and ongoing competency development

Failure to meet program expectations may result in remediation, disciplinary action, or dismissal from the program in accordance with program policies.

Program Director Responsibilities

The Dietetic Internship Director and program faculty are responsible for supporting intern learning, maintaining program quality, and ensuring compliance with ACEND accreditation standards.

Program Director responsibilities include:

- Coordinating supervised practice experiences and program activities
- Monitoring intern progress and competency attainment
- Providing guidance, mentoring, and professional support to interns
- Supporting and communicating with Preceptors and supervised practice sites
- Maintaining program policies, evaluation systems, and accreditation requirements
- Promoting continuous program improvement and professional excellence

SECTION 6: Ethics, Conduct, and Legal Policies

Code of Ethics for the Profession of Dietetics

Interns are expected to uphold the ethical standards of the nutrition and dietetics profession throughout all academic, supervised practice, and professional activities.

Professional expectations include:

- Demonstrating honesty, integrity, and professionalism
- Providing respectful, evidence-based nutrition care and services
- Maintaining confidentiality and protecting patient/client privacy
- Practicing within individual competence and professional boundaries

- Complying with applicable laws, regulations, university policies, and supervised practice site requirements
- Demonstrating respect for patients, clients, colleagues, faculty, preceptors, and interdisciplinary team members
- Avoiding conflicts of interest and misrepresentation of qualifications or experiences

Interns are expected to follow the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Code of Ethics for the Nutrition and Dietetics Profession.

For the complete Code of Ethics, visit:

<https://www.eatrightpro.org/practice/code-of-ethics/code-of-ethics-for-the-nutrition-and-dietetics-profession>

Scope of Practice

The scope of practice in nutrition and dietetics defines the roles, responsibilities, and professional boundaries of dietetics practitioners.

Scope of practice is influenced by:

- ACEND educational standards
- State and federal regulations
- Institutional policies and procedures
- Professional competence, education, and credentials

Interns are expected to practice within their level of training, competence, and supervision throughout all supervised practice experiences.

ASU Student Conduct and Academic Integrity

Interns are expected to comply with all Arizona State University policies regarding student conduct, professionalism, and academic integrity.

Academic honesty and ethical behavior are expected in all coursework, assignments, examinations, supervised practice experiences, and professional interactions.

Violations of university or program policies may result in disciplinary action, course failure, dismissal from the program, or additional university sanctions.

Additional information regarding university policies is available at the following resources:

- ASU Code of Conduct ([ABOR Policy Manual](#))
- Computer and Communications Policy ([ACD 125](#))
- [ASU Academic Integrity Policy](#)

Interns maintain the right to utilize applicable university appeals procedures in accordance with ASU policy.

Title IX

Arizona State University prohibits discrimination, harassment, sexual misconduct, and retaliation in accordance with Title IX and university policy.

Interns who experience or witness sexual misconduct, discrimination, or harassment are encouraged to seek assistance and report concerns through appropriate university resources.

Additional information and reporting resources are available at:

- [ASU Sexual Violence Prevention and Response](#)
- [ASU Counseling Services](#)

University employees, including faculty and staff, may be required to report known or suspected incidents of sexual misconduct or discrimination in accordance with university policy.

Accommodations for Disabilities

Arizona State University complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act to provide equal access to educational programs and supervised practice experiences.

Interns requesting accommodations should contact the ASU Student Accessibility and Inclusive Learning Services (SAILS) as early as possible to initiate the accommodation process.

SAILS Resource Center Contact Information:

Phone: 480-965-1234

FAX: 480-965-0441

Email: Student.Accessibility@asu.edu

Additional information regarding documentation and accommodations is available through the [ASU SAILS Resource Center](#).

Accommodations are coordinated through official ASU processes and may require advance planning depending on supervised practice site requirements.

Resources

University Resources

Dietetic interns have access to a variety of Arizona State University resources and student support services, including:

- Academic support services
- Counseling and health services
- Library resources
- Technology support
- Tutoring and student success services

Additional information is available at:

<https://chs.asu.edu/students/resources>

Technical Support

Interns have access to university-supported technical assistance and online learning resources.

Canvas is the primary learning management system used throughout the program. Google Chrome is the recommended browser for accessing Canvas and related educational platforms.

ASU tech support is available 24/7/365 through the Experience Center at 1-855-278-5080 or via live chat on the [My ASU](#) portal. For immediate IT assistance, users can submit tickets, search for solutions in the [My Service Portal](#), or email the main help desk at helpdesk@asu.edu.

Internet Outage Plan

Interns are expected to maintain reliable internet access and develop contingency plans for temporary internet or technology disruptions that may affect coursework, communication, or supervised practice activities.

Interns should communicate promptly with faculty or preceptors regarding technology-related issues that may affect participation or assignment completion.

Third Party Software and FERPA

The program may utilize university-approved third-party software platforms and online educational tools to support coursework, communication, evaluations, and supervised practice activities.

Interns should avoid posting personally identifiable, confidential, or sensitive information related to themselves, classmates, patients, clients, or supervised practice sites on public platforms.

When appropriate, interns may use initials, pseudonyms, or de-identified information in public or shared online activities.

All interns are expected to comply with FERPA, HIPAA, university privacy policies, and supervised practice site confidentiality requirements when using electronic platforms and communication tools.

If interns have questions or concerns regarding privacy, technology use, or third-party platforms, they should contact the Dietetic Internship Director.

SECTION 7: Appendices

Dietetic Internship Handbook Acknowledgement Form



Arizona State University Dietetic Internship Program

Dietetic Internship Handbook Acknowledgment Form

I hereby agree that I have read the Dietetic Internship Program Handbook and fully understand the material included. Any questions should be discussed with the Dietetic Internship Directors before or during Orientation Week.

Printed Name:_____

Signature:_____

Date Signed:_____

Code of Ethics for the Profession of Dietetics Agreement



Arizona State University Dietetic Internship Program

Code of Ethics for the Profession of Dietetics Agreement

I _____ (print intern name), am a Dietetic Intern in the Nutrition Program at Arizona State University. I have read the Code of Ethics for the Profession of Dietetics, I understand its guidelines and I agree to uphold its ethical principles. As a Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and as a future ACEND-credentialed dietetics practitioner, I agree to abide by the Code.

Signature

Date

HIPAA Confidentiality Statement

HIPAA Confidentiality Statement

**Arizona State University
College of Health Solutions**

Student Name (Print): _____

The discussions, uses and disclosures addressed by this agreement mean any written, verbal or electronic communications. All Patient Protected Health Information (PHI), which includes patient medical and financial information or any other information of a private or sensitive nature that are considered confidential.

I understand that I am never to discuss or review any information regarding a patient at a clinical site unless the discussion or review is part of my assignment to the site. I understand that I am obligated to know and adhere to the privacy policies and procedures of the clinical site to which I am assigned. I acknowledge that medical records, accounting information, patient information and conversations between or among healthcare professionals about patients are confidential under law by this HIPAA Confidentiality Statement and by law.

I understand that, while in the clinical setting or at any other time or location I may not disclose any information about a patient during the clinical portion of my clinical assignment to anyone other than staff of the clinical site and my instructor.

I understand that I may not remove any record from the clinical site without authorization of the site. Additionally, I understand that, before I use or disclose patient information in a learning experience, classroom, case presentation, class assignment or research, I must attempt to exclude as much of the PHI as possible.

Additionally, I acknowledge that any patient information, whether or not it excludes some or all of the PHI, may only be used or disclosed for health care training and educational purposes at Arizona State University and must otherwise remain confidential.

I understand disclosure of PHI or other confidential information may result in clinical, civil and criminal liability. Disclosure of PHI or other confidential information to unauthorized person (s), or access to, or misuse, theft, destruction, alteration, or sabotage of such information, is grounds for immediate disciplinary action by Arizona State University and/or the clinical site I was at during the time the violation was made.

I understand that I must promptly report any violation of the clinical site's privacy policies and procedures, applicable law, or this confidentiality agreement, by me, or an ASU student or faculty member to the appropriate ASU program director.

I hereby acknowledge, by my signature below, that I understand that the PHI, other confidential records and data to which I have knowledge and access in the course of my clinical studies with Arizona State University is to be kept confidential, and this confidentiality is a condition of my clinical experience. This information shall not be disclosed to anyone under any circumstances, to the extent necessary to fulfill my clinical and classroom requirements. I understand my duty to maintain confidentiality continues even after I am no longer in clinical or classroom settings at Arizona State University.

I am familiar with the guidelines in place at Arizona State University and in my clinical settings pertaining to the use and disclosure of patient PHI or other confidential information. Approval should first be obtained before any disclosure of PHI or other confidential information not addressed in the guidelines and policies and procedures of Arizona State University and clinical sites is made.

This form needs to be returned to the ASU Nutrition Program Dietetic Internship Director.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Approved by ASU General Counsel: 1/12/2004

ASU Dietetic Internship Case Study Guidelines

OVERVIEW

A minimum of ONE clinical case study must be completed by each intern during the ASU Dietetic Internship Program.

Completion of the case study will involve four parts.

1. Identify a patient
2. Complete a case study outline
3. Create a presentation
4. Present your patient to your clinical preceptors, DI directors and fellow interns

ASSIGNMENT DETAILS

Identify a Patient

First and foremost, choose a patient that you find interesting. Your preceptors are also an excellent resource to help you find a patient. When choosing a patient, consider:

1. Length of hospital stay
 1. Choosing a patient that has been admitted for a few days will make it easier to gather the necessary information compared to a patient that has only been there for 1-2 days.
 2. Patients that have been there for an extended period of time (i.e. weeks to months) will have a lot of information, which is great for creating a patient timeline, but may feel overwhelming for some interns. Please choose what fits your interest and comfort level.
2. Nutrition's role in patient care
 1. Choosing patients where nutrition plays a larger role in the patient's care will help you when completing the nutrition related areas of the outline/presentation.
 2. Examples: nutrition support (EN/PN), patients requiring increased nutrient needs (i.e. energy/protein), patients that have experienced unintentional weight loss, patient requiring diet modification to manage disease state or health condition.

Submit Your Patient/Topic

Once you've identified your patient, type the following into the text box below:

1. Primary disease/health condition of the patient
2. Explain why this particular case was of interest to you

Please note, it may take time to identify a patient. If you **haven't** identified a patient by the due date, please type the following into the text box below:

1. The disease/health condition that you are hoping to complete for your case study
2. Explain why this particular topic/health condition is of interest to you