

Master of Science/Dietetic Internship Program
Doisy College of Health Sciences



SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY



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Accreditation

The Saint Louis University Dietetic Internship is proud to be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND), 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, 312/899-5400. Registration and State Licensure can be obtained from the completion of the program and Registration Examination for Dietitians. For information on dietetic registration, certification and licensure refer to: <http://cdmnet.org/certifications/>.

Mission and Goals

Program Mission

The mission of the Saint Louis University Dietetic Internship Program is to prepare well-rounded, competent professionals who can assume entry-level challenging positions in the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health in a variety of healthcare and community environments.

Program Philosophy

The Dietetic Internship promotes self-directed learning, self-assessment for professional advancement, and collaborative opportunities to prepare graduates for emerging jobs in the profession. The Program is designed to develop competent practitioners dedicated to service of others and to the profession. The academic courses and supervised practice experiences provided during the internship prepare the intern for entry-level dietetics practice with diverse patient populations.

Program Goals

The Goals of the SLU Dietetic Internship coincide with the mission of the University, which promotes the acquisition and application of knowledge and service to others and the profession. The program goals are outlined below:

To prepare graduates that can assume entry-level positions in the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health through academic coursework, supervised clinical practice, and community exposure.

- 95% of the interns will achieve satisfactory competency on all supervised practice evaluations
- 95% of interns will achieve a minimum of a B- grade in all required graduate courses
- 80% of the interns will pass the CDR RD Examination the first time over five years.
- 95% of the interns will complete the program in 150% of the time planned for completion (15 months)
- A minimum of 80% of Alumni Surveys returned will report adequate academic preparation for entry skills
- A minimum of 90% of interns pursuing jobs will be placed within 6 months

To encourage critical thinking and application of the knowledge of food and nutrition science in the assessment and treatment of individuals and populations.

- The intern will achieve a minimum of a B- grade in all graduate courses.
- A minimum of 90% of Alumni Surveys returned will report adequate academic preparation for entry skills

To enhance professional development and commitment to service through self-assessment, professional exposure, and community involvement.

- 100% of the interns have demonstrated > 20 hours of community service.
- 100% will be members of ADA and will document completion of > 25 CEUS in the professional portfolio project.

Program Costs

The dietetic intern is responsible to pay the stated program fees by the specified dates and/or when the services are rendered. The intern also assumes personal responsibility for living and transportation expenses throughout the year. Below is an approximate cost of the SLU Dietetic Internship.

Item	Approx. Cost
Tuition	At time of publication, \$1,075 per credit hour. See link below for most up to date information. Please click here to view current SLU tuition rates for graduate education. *
Living Expenses**	\$7,000 - \$9,500 (this number varies on location of residence within St. Louis)
Drug Screen/ Background Check	\$105
Immunization Fees and TB Testing	\$85 - \$150
Internship Fee	\$100
Registration, Attendance, Transportation for State/ National Dietetic Meeting	\$250 - \$400
Transportation Costs	\$1,500 (varies on location of residence and distance to SLU)
Parking Costs	Click here to go to SLU Parking and Card Services
Misc. (Lab coats, texts, etc.)	\$350
Health Insurance	\$909 per semester
Estimated Total Expenses (including tuition)	\$42,229-\$44,944 for 15-month program

* Financial aid is available through the graduate school

** Graduate Housing on campus is not available

*** The above numbers are only an estimate. For specific related costs, please contact the department.

Program Costs Continued

Financial Assistance

A limited number of department and professional scholarships are available. Application qualifications and forms are available at the following links:

<http://giving.slu.edu/s/1264/giving.aspx?sid=1264&gid=1&pgid=588>

<http://www.eatright.org/CADE/content.aspx?id=7934&terms=scholarships>

Financial aid is available through Saint Louis University. For information [click here](#).

Graduate assistantships are available for interns staying to complete their Masters Degrees.