

DIETETIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

WITH A COMMUNITY NUTRITION EMPHASIS

Loyola University Chicago offers two tracks of an accredited Dietetic Internship (DI) to prepare students to become professional registered dietitians. The first option is the DI certificate track with 13 graduate credits. The second option is the combined Master of Science with the DI certificate track which requires 48 credits for completion. The MS/DI track results in a Master of Science in Dietetics. Completing either program results in a Verification Statement of Completion of a Dietetic Internship from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- The degree offers full-time enrollment.
Average time to completion (certificate/internship track): 1 year
Average time to completion (MS in Dietetics track): 2 years
- Some courses in the MS/DI track are online.

The program accepts 10 full-time interns into the DI certificate track and 10 full-time interns into the combined MS/DI track annually.

INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

You will complete an internship that includes 40 hours weekly of supervised practice, graduate-level coursework, monthly seminars, and other required activities. Typically, interns are scheduled in supervised practice sites Monday through Friday, though some weekends are also required.

The MS in Dietetics students will successfully complete a comprehensive exam as a degree requirement. The comprehensive exam is composed of two parts:

- A paper of publishable quality that demonstrates your theoretical/clinical expertise
- An oral presentation of your paper

EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

As a graduate of Loyola's Dietetic Internship program, you will be highly sought-after for positions in health care and wellness nutrition programs. You will be prepared to enter a wide range of dietetic careers, including those of a clinical dietitian in an acute or long-term care facility, community nutritionist in public health nutrition programs, food-service director, private practice consultant, or consultant in food business and industry.

- Graduates of the internship are able to sit for the Registration Examination for Dietitians. Approximately 92% of our interns pass on their first attempt.

Career services are available. Learn more at [LUC.edu/career](https://luc.edu/career).

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

The Loyola Dietetic Internship is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council on Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) and has been successfully preparing registered dietitians for over 20 years.

You will benefit from the Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health's constructive and supportive environment, and learn the leadership, communication, and management skills you need to pass the registration exam and enter dietetic practice as a competent, highly qualified professional.

STUDENT LIFE

- **STUDY ABROAD:** We encourage you to hone skills and build your network through intensive courses around the world. Study abroad is open to full- and part-time students. The School of Health Sciences and Public Health offers annual study abroad trips.
- **STUDENT ORGANIZATION:** Student Committee on InterProfessional Education (SCIPEC)
- **SERVICE LEARNING:** You will have an opportunity to participate in an International Service Immersion as part of a collaboration between Campus Ministry and the School of Health Sciences and Public Health.

FACULTY

Our faculty and clinical preceptors are experts in their fields and hold national certifications in their areas of specialization. They have a wide variety of clinical and research interests that include chronic disease prevention, obesity prevention, and community food access. Faculty are well respected in their areas of professional specialty.

PREREQUISITES

Applicants to the internship must have:

- Completed the Didactic Program in Dietetics from a college or university with an ACEND accredited program
- Completed a bachelor's degree with a GPA greater than 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Submitted application materials through DICAS
- Been matched to the LDI through the D&D Digital process or been invited by the program director.

FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

For questions or assistance regarding financial aid through the School of Health Sciences and Public Health, contact us at 708.216.0990 or shsph@LUC.edu.

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

The program uses the online-centralized internship application, DICAS, accessed at portal.dicas.org or DICASinfo@DICAS.org. Please refer to this site for all further details related to the centralized dietetic internship application requirements.

In addition to the DICAS application requirements outlined above, you are required to mail a \$40 application fee via check or money order made out to Loyola University Chicago. Application fee mailing address:

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The Loyola Dietetic Internship (LDI) participates in the nationwide, computerized matching process, administered by D&D Digital Company, Ames, IA. Applicants must submit dietetic internship ranking preferences according to D&D Digital requirements. For more information about this process and requirements, visit dnddigital.com/ada/index.php.

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