

# **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://cdrnet.org/certifications/>.

# Mission and Goals

## **Saint Louis University Mission:**

The pursuit of truth for the greater glory of God and the service of humanity.

## **Doisy College of Health Sciences Mission:**

Rooted in Jesuit ideals, the Doisy College of Health Sciences serves humanity through education, research and engagement.

## **Saint Louis University Department of Nutrition and Dietetics Mission:**

To thrive in a community that promotes and seeks truth about food and nutrition. Woven into the fabric of this community are multifaceted educational pursuits to promote a food-centered culture for health and wellness, scholarly exploration, and an appreciation of the global and ecological community in which we exist.

## **Saint Louis University Dietetic Internship Program Mission:**

To prepare the graduate to assume an entry-level position as a registered dietitian nutritionist in the provision of evidence-based care.

## **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:

**Goal 1:** To prepare graduates to assume entry-level positions as registered dietitian nutritionists in the promotion, maintenance and restoration of health through academic coursework, supervised clinical practice, and community exposure.

## **Measurable Program Objectives:**

1.1: At least 80% of program graduates will take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionist within 12 months of program completion.

1.2: 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%.

1.3: At least 80% of employer surveys returned will report average or above average satisfaction with graduate's preparation for entry level practice.

1.4: At least 80% of alumni surveys returned will report that graduates "strongly agree" or "agree" that the program adequately prepared them for an entry-level position.

1.5: Of graduates who seek employment, at least 85% are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.

1.6: At least 80% of program interns will complete the program and degree requirements within 22.5 months (150% of program length).

**Goal 2:** Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able to utilize critical thinking in the application of evidence-based science in assessing and treating individuals and populations.

Measurable Program Objectives:

2.1: 100% of dietetic interns will achieve satisfactory or better in all supervised practice evaluations.

2.2: 100% of all dietetic interns will earn a B- or better in all graduate courses.

2.3: At least 80% of alumni surveys returned will report that graduates "strongly agree" or "agree" that the program fostered critical thinking and provided the necessary clinical skills to provide evidence-based care.

## 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, \$1,130 per credit hour. See link below for most up to date information.<br><br><a href="#">Please click here to view current SLU tuition rates for graduate education. *</a> |
| 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   | <a href="#">Click here to go to SLU Parking and Card Services</a>   |
| Misc. (Lab coats, texts, etc.)  | \$350   |
| Health Insurance  | \$909 per semester  |
| Estimated Total Expenses (including tuition)                                  | \$43,969-\$48,714 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.