

Dietetic Internship: Schedule & Expenses

Intern Expenses

- Tuition is \$7500 per intern. Payments can be split as follows:
 - \$750 due within 10 business days of accepting placement into the internship.
 - \$3375 due June 1 of the start year
 - \$3375 due Sept. 1 of the start year
- Tuition is subject to change annually.
- Transportation (cost of vehicle, automobile insurance, mileage and parking fees): Varies
- Housing/living expenses: Approximately \$1,150/month (average rent is approximately \$800/month)
- Computer software access: Personal laptop is required. Must have Windows 10 or newer, or for Mac, OS 11 (Big Sur) or newer.
- Health costs (urine drug/alcohol screen, two step mantoux test, required immunizations, health insurance): Health insurance cost varies
- American Heart Association Basic Life Support Certification for Healthcare Providers: Approximately \$75
- Student AND membership: Approximately \$60
- Dress code:
 - Non-skid shoes. Cost is approximately \$50.
 - Interns must have business-casual attire for most of their rotations. They will receive more details about the dress code after match.
 - Optional uniform of scrubs for St. Cloud Hospital inpatient MNT rotations. Cost is approximately \$40 per pair, depending on brand.
- Miscellaneous (basic calculator, office supplies, etc.): Approximately \$70
- Non-refundable application fee: \$50 for national match applicants
- DICAS fees: Minimum of \$50

Estimated total cost of tuition, living, and other expenses for full-time interns, not including transportation or health insurance: Approximately \$21,000.

Financial aid is not provided; it is the responsibility of each individual intern to cover the cost of the program. See the [Withdrawal and Refund of Fees Policy \(PDF\)](#) for more specific information.

Program Schedule

The DI Program starts the second week in September. In general, the program is outlined as follows:

Full Time Track (40 hours/week)

Total: 34 weeks

- Medical Nutrition Therapy: 20 weeks
- Community Nutrition: 4 weeks
- Food Service Management: 6 weeks
- Professional Development: 1 week
- General Orientation: 1 week
- Vacation: 2 weeks

[See sample full time schedule](#) (PDF)

Part Time Track (24 hours/week)

Total: 49 weeks

- Medical Nutrition Therapy: 30 weeks
- Community Nutrition: 6 weeks
- Food Service Management: 9 weeks
- Professional Development: 1 week
- General Orientation: 1 week
- Vacation: 2 weeks

[See sample part time schedule](#) (PDF)

Education is provided primarily through supervised practice experiences. Additional forms of learning are provided through lecture, written and group assignments, presentations and role playing. The majority of rotations take place within CentraCare hospitals and clinics with a variety of community nutrition and food service rotations taking place primarily in the St. Cloud area.

See the [Student Handbook](#) (PDF) for more details.

Graduation

To graduate from the St. Cloud Hospital DI Program, the following criteria must be met:

- A minimum of 1074 hours of supervised practice
- Completion of all assignments and projects with a passing grade
- Completion of all evaluations and self assessments with an average score of "3" or better
- Completion of all graduate degree requirements
- Confirmation of graduation readiness by the director of the SCH dietetic internship program

When it is determined that an intern has successfully completed the St. Cloud Hospital Dietetic Internship Program, a verification statement will be issued to them and a copy will be sent to the Commission on Dietetic Registration to alert them of the intern's examination eligibility