

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

DIETETIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM – 2026-2027 ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

Rotation	Didactic Hours	Practice Hours	Dates
Internship Orientation	18	6	September 8 – 10, 2026
Community Rotation Orientation	19	4.5	September 14 – 16, 2026
Community Rotation	varies	396	September 21, 2026 - January 22, 2027
Break*	0	0	Intern choice (1 week break during community rotation)
Registration Examination for Dietitians (RD Exam) Preparation	varies	0	September 2026 – August 2027
Disease State Modules	varies	0	October 2026 – July 2027
Nutrition Care Process Case Studies	varies	18	October 2026 – August 2027
School Food Service Rotation Orientation	3	0.5	January 22, 2027
School Food Service Rotation	varies	192	January 25 - March 19, 2027
Clinical Rotation Orientation ("Clinical Skills")	17.5	6.5	March 22 – 24, 2027
Clinical Rotation(s): Acute Care, Long-Term Care, Diabetes, Pediatrics/Bariatrics/Oncology, Renal	varies	504	March 29 – August 20, 2027
Exit Session	2	4	August 25, 2027
Total	varies	1131.5	
Graduation	0	0	August 26, 2027

*Interns are allowed a one (1)-Internship-week (i.e., three (3) internship days) break from internship duties during their community rotation. Dietetic Internship (DI) staff must be given advance notice of this break.

The academic schedule is 48 weeks in length. Interns will complete a minimum of 1000 supervised practice hours. On average, interns are required to participate in supervised practice hours of the Internship for a minimum of 24 hours per week and work in their respective jobs for 16 hours per week. Practice hours beyond this minimum may be required.

Didactic requirements, travel time, outside preparation, and documentation (e.g., reporting and evaluations) require additional hours beyond the 40-hour internship/work week. It is estimated that an additional 15-20 hours per week or more is needed for successful completion of the Internship.



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Attendance

Interns are expected to be present for each scheduled rotation, meeting, and training. If circumstances beyond the interns' control (e.g., illness, car trouble, or death of an immediate family member) occur causing the intern to miss supervised practice hours and/or required training, interns are required to make up missed time prior to the end of the Internship. Interns can expect preceptors and/or DI staff to assist them with rescheduling missed supervised practice hours and/or required training. There is no guarantee that supervised practice hours and/or required training can be made up without repeating or extending the rotation, but every reasonable effort is made to minimize additional supervised practice hours.

Leave

Throughout the Internship, planned leave must not conflict with scheduled DI activities. If sick leave is taken during scheduled DI activities (24 hours/week), interns are required to notify their supervisors, preceptors, and DI staff. Interns are required to make up any time missed during the rotation to ensure that the minimum number of required practice hours are completed. If preceptors are unable to provide interns with an opportunity to make up the time missed, interns can expect DI staff to search for alternate placement or means of obtaining the required hours through alternate activities.

Holidays

Internship schedules may fall on state holidays. Should DI hours be scheduled on a state holiday, interns must work with DI staff to ensure hours are completed as required. Internship staff coordinate with preceptors and intern supervisors accordingly.

A listing of state holidays can be found on <https://team.georgia.gov>.