



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

DIETETIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM – FINANCIAL AID AND COST TO INTERNS

The Georgia (GA) Department of Public Health (DPH) WIC Dietetic Internship (DI) Program is provided to interns with no application or tuition fees; however, there is a time commitment that has an associated cost to interns and graduates at the rate of \$25.00/hour. Therefore, interns and graduates who do not complete the time commitment are required to reimburse the GA DPH WIC Program per the Intern Agreement (with [County Board of Health](#), [Lead County Board of Health](#), or [GA DPH WIC](#)). Participation in the Internship may allow interns to request scholarships through the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND).

Interns continue to receive their full-time salary and fringe benefits from their employers during the Internship. Interns must provide their own transportation. See table below for estimated costs to interns and employers. Estimated costs are subject to change at any time.

Estimated Internship Cost	
Estimated Cost to the Intern	
Medical insurance	\$875 - 2,360
Automobile insurance (required for interns driving to supervised practice sites)	\$1,030 - 2,900
Medical exam and vaccinations* (a medical clearance is required prior to DI orientation)	\$30 - 100
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) student membership	\$116
Total Estimated Cost to Intern	\$2,055 - 5,476
Estimated Cost to the Employer	
Laboratory coats or uniforms (if required by site)	\$150
Criminal background check (required by school nutrition affiliates)	\$50
Criminal background check and drug testing (required prior to DI acceptance; required by clinical affiliates)	\$160 - 515
Books and resources	\$850
ServSafe® Food Safety Manager Certification	\$179
Basic Life Support (BLS) certification issued by the American Heart Association	\$92



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Laptop computer (equipped with videoconference capability and Microsoft 365, e.g., PowerPoint, Teams, Word, Excel, etc.)	\$500 - 1,500
Printing or copying cost	\$100
Transportation/mileage to orientation sessions, training sessions and supervised practice sites	\$1,000
Lodging/meals to orientation sessions, training sessions and supervised practice sites	\$1,500
Meals and parking at supervised practice sites (if required by site)	\$100
Total Estimated Cost to Employer	\$4,681 - 6,036
Total Estimated Cost	\$6,736 - 11,512

*Vaccinations may be obtained through employer, and insurance billing may apply.