



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

DIETETIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM – MISSION AND GOALS

Georgia (GA) Department of Public Health (DPH) WIC Dietetic Internship (DI) Program Mission

To improve the health outcomes of Georgians through promotion of quality nutrition care practice by assisting qualified employees of the Georgia Department of Public Health Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants, and Children to become registered dietitians / registered dietitian nutritionists who are competent to practice at entry level.

Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Program graduates will be prepared by the GA DPH WIC DI Program to be competent at entry-level practice through high quality educational offerings and applied skill building.

Objectives:

- At least 80% of interns complete program requirements within 16.5 months (150% of planned program length).
- Of graduates who seek employment, at least 100 percent are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.
- At least 100 percent of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists¹ within 12 months of program completion.
- 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 nutritionists¹ is at least 80%.
- Eighty percent (80%) of employers² rate graduates as competent at entry level.

¹The CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is the registration examination for dietitians (RD exam).

²State and local agencies of GA DPH.

Goal 2: Program graduates will be prepared by the GA DPH WIC DI Program to continue practice in community nutrition care services in the GA DPH WIC Program.

Objective:

- Fifty percent (50%) of graduates indicate working in nutrition within Georgia Department of Public Health WIC Program two (2) years after first attempt of the RD exam.

Note: Program outcome data is available upon request.