



**Georgia Department of Public Health
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for
Women, Infant, and, Children (WIC)
Dietetic Internship**



Financial Aid and Cost to Interns

There is no tuition fee to participate in the DPH WIC Dietetic Internship Program. Participation in the DPH WIC Dietetic Internship Program may allow college loans to be deferred. Also, because of the internship status, educational loans may be requested through the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) or a lending institution. Seeking financial aid is the responsibility of the dietetic intern.

DPH WIC dietetic interns continue to receive their full-time salary and fringe benefits from their District Public Health employer during the internship. Dietetic interns do not receive stipends in addition to their salaries provided by their employer. Interns must provide their own transportation, laptop, and Internet service. When WIC funds are available, the intern’s District Public Health Office can assist the intern with WIC-allowable expenses such as lodging, travel, conference fees, books, etc., but this is not an expectation. The following costs to the intern are estimates and subject to change:

Estimated Internship Cost	
Books (provided by employer or provided by intern)	\$ 0 - 500
Medical insurance (provided by employer or provided by intern)	\$900 - 1,500
Liability insurance (provided if a DPH employee)	\$ 0
Automobile insurance (must be maintained throughout the program provided by the intern)	\$ 500 - 1,000
AND Student Membership (required), student membership to a local Georgia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and student membership to Georgia Public Health Association (recommended)	\$ 65 - 130
ServSafe® Food Safety Manager Certification	\$161
Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification issued by the American Heart Association (may be provided by employer)	\$0 - 60
Laboratory coats or uniforms (if required by site)	\$ 150
Medical exam and vaccinations (a medical clearance is required prior to internship orientation at the expense of the intern)	\$ 200
Criminal background check (required by school nutrition affiliates)	\$ 50
Criminal background check and drug testing (required by clinical affiliates generally through a credentialing company)	\$ 100 - 150
Laptop computer and internet access	\$ 1,500
Printing or copying cost	\$ 100
Transportation/mileage to orientation sessions, training sessions and rotation sites (provided by employer or provided by intern)	\$ 0 - 1,000



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Conference or training registration fees (provided by employer or intern)	\$ 0 - 1,000
Meals and parking at rotation facilities (if required by site)	\$ 0 – 100
Registration Examination (paid by intern)	\$ 200
TOTAL COST	\$ 3,926 – 8,801