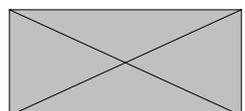


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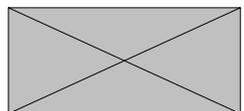
INTERNSHIP COSTS AND FINANCIAL AID

There is no tuition fee at this time to participate in the GDPH Dietetic Internship. Participation in the 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.

GDPH interns may 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, lap top, 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 GDPH employee)	\$ 0
Automobile Insurance	\$ 500 - 1,000
AND Student Membership (required) and student membership to a local Georgia academy of Nutrition and Dietetic Association and student membership to Georgia Public Health Association (recommended)	\$ 50 - 100
Laboratory Coats or Uniforms (if required by site)	\$ 150
Medical Exam and vaccinations	\$ 200
Criminal background check (if required by site)	\$ 50
Drug testing (if required by site)	\$ 50
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
Lodging/Meals to orientation sessions, training sessions and rotation sites (provided by employer or provided by intern)	\$ 0 - 1,000
Conference/Training Registration Fees (provided by employer or provided by intern)	\$ 0 - 1,000
Meals and Parking at rotation facilities (if required by site)	\$ 0 - 100
Registration Examination	\$200
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	\$ 3,700 - \$9,350



INTERNSHIP CONTRACT

Prior to beginning the internship, the intern/employee must sign a legal binding contractual agreement with his/her employer, e.g., District Public Health office. This affirms his/her understanding that, upon successfully completing the internship, he/she will continue to work with his/her respective Georgia Public Health District. The contract maintains that the intern remain employed by their respective agency for a minimum of twenty-four (24) full months after passing the dietetic registration examination. If the intern/employee terminates his/her employment with his/her agency prior to completing the obligated time, or fails to take the dietetic registration examination, it is expected that the intern will reimburse their employer/agency at the rate of \$25 per hour of completed supervised practice experiences (maximum of 1200 hours/\$30,000).

Interns who choose to leave the internship after successful completion of the initial probation period (the first 96 hours of supervised experience) will be required to make monetary restitution to their employer/agency. Interns who are dismissed from the internship may be asked to make monetary restitution to their employer/WIC local agency. The reimbursement rate is \$25 for each hour of supervised experiences completed. No expenses involved with the internship will be returned to an intern who leaves the internship.

