

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Program Requirements

**Q:** What are the prerequisites to enter the internship program?

**A:** Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university verified by an official transcript, as well as a signed verification statement showing successful completion of an ADA approved Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD).

**Q:** I am a student with a bachelor's degree in another field, how do I find out if I meet the requirements to enter your program?

**A:** Please visit the following link that outlines the steps needed prior to applying to an internship program:

[http://www.eatright.org/ada/files/careerchangerRDflow\(1\).pdf](http://www.eatright.org/ada/files/careerchangerRDflow(1).pdf)

**Q:** I am an international student, what steps do I need to take to apply to the internship program?

**A:** Please visit the following link for a flowchart indicating the steps for international students to take in pursuit of the RD credential:

[http://www.eatright.org/ada/files/rd\\_international\\_Flowchart2.pdf](http://www.eatright.org/ada/files/rd_international_Flowchart2.pdf)

**Q:** Is there a minimum GPA requirement to enter the program?

**A:** The selection committee looks at the overall application packet. Recent students have had a wide range of GPA from 3.0 to 4.0. Other eligibility criteria include food and nutrition-related work experience; interpersonal skills; professional potential; Personal interests and accomplishments, including volunteerism/leadership related to the field; and successful interview with program faculty.

**Q:** What is the Match Program? And how does it work?

**A:** All applicants to the OHSU Dietetic Internship must participate in computer matching through D&D Digital, for more information please refer to the following link: <http://www.dnndigital.com>

**Please note:** if you are applying to the combined DI/MS program, these 4 spots are pre-selected each year, and therefore do not require participation in the computer matching process.

**Q:** Do you require GRE scores for admission into the internship program?

**A:** No, we do not require GRE scores for the Internship Program, but scores are required for entry into any of the Masters Program, including the combined DI/MS program. **Please note the institutional code for OHSU is 4865 when sending your GRE scores to OHSU.**

## **Application Information**

**Q:** What should I include in my application packet?

**A:** Please carefully review the Admissions link on our website:

[http://www.ohsu.edu/ohsuedu/academic/som/dietetic/di\\_admissions.cfm](http://www.ohsu.edu/ohsuedu/academic/som/dietetic/di_admissions.cfm)

Packets must include an OHSU DI application form downloaded from our website; current resume; DPD verification statement or "Declaration of Intent to Complete Degree"; ADA's waiver and 3 completed recommendation forms; a letter of application; official transcripts from all colleges & universities attended, along with a check for \$120.00 made payable to Graduate Programs in Human Nutrition.

**Q:** Where do I send my application packet?

**A:** Please send your complete application packet directly to: Graduate Programs in Human Nutrition, Gaines Hall, Room 207, Mailcode: GH207, 3181 S.W. Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, Oregon 97239-3098

**Q:** Can you mail an application to me?

**A:** We do not mail out forms. To download an application and other forms, please see the Admission section on our website. You can load Adobe Acrobat from our website if you need it to open and download forms.

**Q:** Can an applicant send official transcripts and/or other required supporting documents after the application packet?

**A:** Yes, other materials required for the application packet can be mailed separately from the application, but we strongly recommend that a complete application packet be submitted at one time.

**Q:** What is the deadline for the application packet submission to the program?

**A:** Applicants normally start submitting application packets from the end of December through mid-February. The actual deadline is different every year. Please see this year's deadline on our Admissions page of our website:

[http://www.ohsu.edu/ohsuedu/academic/som/dietetic/di\\_admissions.cfm](http://www.ohsu.edu/ohsuedu/academic/som/dietetic/di_admissions.cfm)

**Q:** How do I make an appointment if I am interested in getting more information about the internship?

**A:** Please call 503-494-7596 or email [nautiyal@ohsu.edu](mailto:nautiyal@ohsu.edu)

## **Financial Aid and Internship Costs**

**Q:** What is the cost for the Internship?

**A:** Please see the “Financial aid and Costs” section of our website: [http://www.ohsu.edu/ohsuedu/academic/som/dietetic/di\\_financial\\_aid\\_costs.cfm](http://www.ohsu.edu/ohsuedu/academic/som/dietetic/di_financial_aid_costs.cfm)  
Please note that costs are subject to change and do usually change on an annual basis.

**Q:** Will the internship pay for my living costs?

**A:** No, the internship program does not pay for living costs. We encourage applicants to consult with OHSU financial aid office for information on financial aid and student loans. The Financial Aid Office can be found at the following link: <http://www.ohsu.edu/finaid/>

**Q:** Are dietetic interns at OHSU eligible for financial aid?

**A:** Yes, **dietetic interns at OHSU are eligible for financial aid since they earn graduate credits throughout the program.**

**Q:** What is the OHSU code that I should indicate on my FAFSA Form when applying for financial aid?

**A:** The OHSU code for FAFSA Form is 004883.

**Q:** Do you offer scholarships?

**A:** No scholarships are offered directly through the OHSU programs. The ADA foundation offers a variety of scholarships to dietetic interns and graduate students, please see the following link for more information: [http://www.eatright.org/cps/rde/xchg/ada/hs.xsl/career\\_394\\_ENU\\_HTML.htm](http://www.eatright.org/cps/rde/xchg/ada/hs.xsl/career_394_ENU_HTML.htm)

**Q:** Do you offer stipends?

**A:** The Asante Health Care Systems in Medford, OR may offer a small stipend to the two interns assigned to this site. The ability to offer the stipend is negotiated annually. The students enrolled in the combined DI/MS program may also receive a stipend from the Portland VA Medical Center, their primary practice site. The ability to offer the stipend is also negotiated on an annual basis. Stipends are currently not available to students placed at any other supervised practice sites affiliated with our program.

**Q:** Do you provide housing?

**A:** We do not provide housing, but you can find information regarding housing at the following website:

<http://www.ohsu.edu/academic/acad/housing/>

### **General Internship Questions**

**Q:** Do I need a car?

**A:** Yes, you will need personal reliable transportation to and from offsite rotations.

**Q:** Where are your rotations located?

**A:** Supervised practice assignments are made throughout Oregon and S.W. Washington in both rural and urban communities.

**Q:** Can we be employed while enrolled in the internship?

**A:** We do not encourage employment due to the intensive rotation experiences and course work requirements.

**Q:** What is a day like in the internship?

**A:** Every Monday there are class lectures from 8am - 4pm, and Tuesdays through Fridays are full day supervised practice experiences at the various sites with some exceptions.**Q:** What is the length of the internship program?

**A:** The duration of the internship program is 10 months. The coordinated DI/MS can be completed in 7 quarters or approximately 2 years.

**Q:** Do you certify your graduates to be RD's?

**A:** No, after successful completion of the internship program, the graduate completes eligibility paperwork to apply to sit for the national RD exam and receives a verification statement signed by the internship director documenting successful completion of the internship.

**Q:** What are the employment opportunities available to graduates of your program?

**A:** Most of our graduates have employment opportunities presented to them while still in the internship. But, interns cannot begin employment until after graduation. The internship office also forwards job postings to interns about to graduate as well as past graduates of the program. Many sites will not hire graduates until after they've passed the RD exam.

**Q:** Do you offer a tour of the OHSU campus?

**A:** We encourage interested applicants to make an appointment to visit the internship office located in Gaines Hall on the main OHSU campus, and to then tour the campus afterwards at their leisure.