



# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

## Combined Master of Science & Dietetic Internship Program

### Dietetic Internship Program

OHSU GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN HUMAN NUTRITION  
PORTLAND, OREGON

#### APPLICATION

Applications to the combined Master of Science in Human Nutrition/Dietetic Internship (MSDI) program and Dietetic Internship (DI) program at OHSU must be completed through the Dietetic Internship Centralized Application Services ([DICAS](#)) and includes the following components:

#### TO BE SUBMITTED THROUGH DICAS

- All sections of the DICAS application
- Official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities attended
- Three references (at least one from a DPD faculty member)
- Personal statement
- Additional essay questions
- Current resume

#### TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE DIRECTLY TO OHSU

- OHSU application
- Application fee

Please review the sections below for more information on each component of the application.

#### DICAS

DICAS will be available December 2019 for the Spring 2020 match. **The online application must be completed for our program by 11:59 p.m. Central Time on February 15, 2020.** Applicants must create an account with DICAS and complete all application components within the online application.

## PORTLAND, MEDFORD AND BEND

Applicants must select at the time of their DICAS submission to apply to the DI in Portland, Medford or Bend, or any combination of these options. The DI in Portland, Medford and Bend have their own [program designation codes](#) in DICAS. Please note that although a student may apply to the DI in Portland only, students may be placed in the Portland area, Medford or Bend.

## THESIS VS. NON-THESIS (CAPSTONE) OPTION

Applicants applying to the MSDI must select at the time of their DICAS submission to apply to the thesis or non-thesis (capstone) option, or both. The thesis and non-thesis (capstone) options have their own [program designation codes](#) in DICAS.

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

Applicants should address the following questions in the personal statement submitted through DICAS (limit 1,000 words).

- Why do you want to enter the nutrition and dietetics profession?
- What specific experiences have helped to prepare you for a career in nutrition and dietetics?
- What are your short-term and long-term professional goals?
- As you've read on our website, our program has a concentration in community outreach, yet a clinical focus. Describe how the focus of our program will meet your career goals and interests.

## ESSAY QUESTIONS FOR ALL APPLICANTS

All applicants must submit responses to two of the five following essay questions. Please limit responses to 350 words for each question. Responses must be uploaded to **DICAS as a single supplemental PDF**.

1. Many of our students share that the internship is one of the best, yet most challenging years of their lives. Tell us how you plan to be successful in this fast-paced, challenging environment.
2. What community or client population do you hope to serve and how have your previous experiences prepared you for this role?
3. Discuss an experience in your life that demonstrates your resilience.
4. Describe a time when you disagreed with an evaluation or feedback you received about your performance. How did you handle the situation? What impact did it have on you? What did you learn?

5. Please discuss the diversity that you would bring to the OHSU Graduate Programs in Human Nutrition and nutrition and dietetics. Please visit the website for [OHSU's Center for Diversity and Inclusion](#) for more information.

#### ESSAY QUESTION FOR MSDI APPLICANTS

In addition to the questions above, MSDI applicants must also include a response to the following question:

- Discuss why you are applying to pursue a Master's Degree. What relevant experiences have you had that will contribute to your success in graduate school? Describe one or two particular areas of interest where you would hope to focus your thesis research or capstone project.

#### GRE SCORES

While the program no longer requires the GRE for admission to the MSDI program, applicants are welcome to submit their scores to OHSU.

#### OHSU APPLICATION & APPLICATION FEE

Applicants must complete an online OHSU Application to be submitted with the application fee of \$70. To complete the OHSU application, create an [online account](#); select "MS/DI and DI Programs" from the program list.

The OHSU application must be completed no later than **11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on February 15, 2020**. Applications will not be considered if the OHSU application and application fee are late or not received.

The OHSU application is required by OHSU, and information on the application will not be used in the selection process, but could be used to nominate new students, once accepted, for available scholarships.

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#### PLEASE NOTE

Applicants only submit one OHSU application and one application fee even if applying to more than one MSDI or DI option at OHSU.

## INTERVIEWS

Applicants may receive a request for an additional survey and brief virtual interview with faculty from the Graduate Programs in Human Nutrition; however, an applicant who is not contacted for an interview should not assume that he/she has been dismissed from consideration by the program.

## COMPUTER MATCHING

Applicants must participate in computer matching through [D&D Digital](#), and should carefully review their responsibilities related to computer matching at [ACEND's Applicant Responsibilities](#) webpage. When completing the DICAS application, applicants must provide a phone number and email address where they can be reached, if necessary, on Appointment Day.

On Appointment Day, matched applicants must contact the Dietetic Internship Director by phone or email to confirm acceptance of the match. The Dietetic Internship Director, Diane Stadler, PhD, RD, LD, can be reached at (503) 494-0168 or [stadlerd@ohsu.edu](mailto:stadlerd@ohsu.edu). The Dietetic Internship Director will reply to phone and email messages to acknowledge the program's receipt of the acceptance by the end of Appointment Day.

To learn more about the computer matching process, please visit the [Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Computer Matching Policy and Procedures](#) webpage at D&D Digital.

## PROGRAM DESIGNATION CODES

DI – Portland: 372

DI – Medford: 798

DI – Bend: 841

OHSU MSDI – Thesis option: 129

OHSU MSDI – Non-thesis (capstone) option: 803

## CONTACT US

If you still have questions about the application process after reviewing our website and these instructions, please contact us at (503) 494-7596 or [gphn@ohsu.edu](mailto:gphn@ohsu.edu).