

## **Oakwood University Dietetic Internship Program**

### **Suggested Rotation Schedule**

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The interns are recommended to start with foodservice and community nutrition rotations before clinical practice. When proceeding to clinical rotations, it is suggested that the long-term care rotation come first, followed by general medical, and progressing the rotations with more complicated medical problems. All interns are required to complete 30 weeks of internship rotations including 200 hours Foodservice, 920 hours Clinical/Community, and 80 hours of electives, for a total of 1200 hours (Suggested Rotation Schedule). Interns are allowed to choose their two weeks of elective hours in her/his preferred field. Schedule supervised practice experiences full-time, part-time, or both, to be completed within a two-year period.

Interns with previous experience are granted credit hours based on the job description, length of experience, and immediate supervisor's letter of recommendation. The number of credit hours granted is based on the hours listed in the Suggested Rotation Schedule, Number of Practicum Hours.

Number of Practicum Hours	Location	Supervised Practice Experience
<b>Foodservice Management</b>		
120	Acute Care Foodservice Management/ Administrative	Customer satisfaction, human resources, purchasing and inventory, menu planning, nutrient analysis, facility management, food production and services, productivity assessment, financial management, marketing, administration, performance improvement, and staff relief.
80	School District Foodservice Management	Human resources, purchasing and inventor, menu planning, nutrient analysis, facility management, food production and services, productivity assessment, teach a basic nutrition class in the school system, financial management, marketing, and administration.
<b>Community Nutrition</b>		
120	WIC/Headstart	Reviewing public health programs, community resources, Headstart Program, WIC Program, patient screening, assessing, counseling, developing educational materials, individual and group nutrition education for ethnic diversity population.
40	Wellness	Conducting and evaluating a community wellness program, utilizing mass media for marketing and community program, developing educational materials, and assessing health and nutrition status of population.
80	Diabetes Center/outpatient clinic or inpatient hospital	Assessing diet history, individual's caloric needs, and expenditures, learning counseling and practicing interviewing techniques and counseling skills, designing diabetes meal plan, and instructing meal plan in individual and group setting. Participate in the coding and billing of dietetics and nutrition services to obtain reimbursement for services from public insurers.

Number of Practicum Hours	Location	Supervised Practice Experience
<b>Clinical Nutrition</b>		
40	Long Term Care	Nutrition screening, assessing, decision making, documenting, nutritional monitoring, and LTC staff interacting.
80	General Medical	Nutrition screening, assessing (nutrition status of general medical patient), Diagnose nutrition problems and create problem, etiology, sign and symptoms (PES) statements, plan and implement nutrition interventions to including prioritizing the nutrition diagnosis, formulating a nutrition prescription, decision making, documenting (nutrition assessment with care plans using ADI-ME language/International Nutrition Diagnosis Language Text), nutritional monitoring, interacting with the other health care professional/MD/PT/OT/RT/RN/Social worker, providing appropriate nutritional care and dietary instruction to uncomplicated medical patients, and counseling techniques.
40	Oncology	Nutrition screening, assessing (nutrition status of general medical patient), Diagnose nutrition problems and create problem, etiology, sign and symptoms (PES) statements, plan and implement nutrition interventions to including prioritizing the nutrition diagnosis, formulating a nutrition prescription, decision making, documenting (nutrition assessment with care plans using ADI-ME language/International Nutrition Diagnosis Language Text), nutritional monitoring, interacting with the other health care professional/MD/PT/OT/RT/RN/Social worker, providing appropriate nutritional care and dietary instruction to uncomplicated medical patients, and counseling techniques.
40	Cardiac	Interacting with cardiac rehab team, screening, decision making, documenting, nutritional monitoring, teaching in group and individual setting, and counseling techniques.
80	Medical/ surgical	Nutrition screening, assessing: nutrition status of medical/surg patient, decision making, documenting, nutritional monitoring, interacting with the other health care professional/MD/PT/OT/RT/RN/Social worker, providing appropriate nutritional care and dietary instruction to uncomplicated/complicated medical, and pre-post surgical patients.
80	Pulmonary	Nutrition screening, assessing, decision-making, documenting, nutritional monitoring, teaching in group and individual setting, and counseling techniques.

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40	Behavioral Health/ Eating Disorder	Nutrition screening, assessing, decision-making, documenting, nutritional monitoring, teaching in group and individual setting, and counseling techniques.
40	Pediatrics/OB	Interacting with Pediatrics/OB team. Screening, assessing, counseling and teaching nutritional needs of mother/child in post period. Screening, assessing, planning and counseling nutritional needs of the hospitalized child, decision-making, documenting/charting, and monitoring.
80	Renal inpatient/outpatient	Interacting with other members of health team, learning knowledge of basic kidney function, Pre-End Stage Renal Failure (ESRD), ESRD, hemodialysis, and Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD). Screening and assessing the above patients' nutritional needs, recognizing critical lab values, decision-making, documenting, monitoring, teaching in group and individual setting, and counseling techniques.
160	Nutrition Support/ICU	Interacting with other members of health team, screening, and assessing nutritional needs, recognizing critical lab values, decision-making in choosing enteral products, parenteral nutrition administration, and documenting. Developing and implementing transitional feeding plans.
80 Foodservice-200 Clinical/Community-920 Elective-80 Total 1200 hours	Elective Rotation	