Graduate Certificate in Dietetic Internship

The UAA Graduate Certificate in Dietetic Internship with a concentration emphasis on Alaska Native culture and Alaska health care delivery systems, developmentally accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), offers the supervised practice experience required by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to sit for the registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN) examination. The UAA dietetic internship offers unique experiences as it places emphasis on awareness of the cultural diversities of Alaska and how they affect the practice of dietetics.

The UAA dietetic internship is a highly competitive, full-time, 40-hour-per-week program. The program begins in the fall semester and runs mid-August through late April. The students attend a weekly seminar at UAA and by completing their supervised practicum experience at rotation sites in Anchorage and surrounding communities.

Licensure and/or Certification

Please go to UAA’s Authorization by State (https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/office-of-academic-affairs/provost_office/uaa-state-authorization/authorization.cshtml/) website for information about licensure or certification in a state other than Alaska.

Admission Requirements

Complete the Admission Requirements for Graduate Certificates (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/graduate/).

Departmental Admission Requirements

The application process adheres to the deadlines and procedures outlined by the Accreditation Council for Education in Dietetics and Nutrition. For the current year deadlines see the program website (https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/school-of-allied-health/academics/dietetics-nutrition/diapplication.cshtml/).

- Baccalaureate degree (minimum).
- Didactic program in dietetics verification statement within the past five years. Fulfill remedial education requirements (available upon request) if no coursework or work experiences in dietetics in five years prior to program admission.
- Evidence of ability and willingness to work productively (prior work or volunteer experience).
- Current resume and two letters of recommendation (one must be from an employer and one must be from a professor or academic advisor).
- Participation in the D & D Digital Systems matching process for dietetic internships (https://www.dnddigital.com/ada/) for students who are in the second cycle of applications. See the program website (https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/school-of-allied-health/academics/dietetics-nutrition/diapplication.cshtml/) for more information about the application cycles.
- Provide documentation of all necessary immunizations required to work in hospitals and other health care facilities.
- Provide documentation of all necessary security background checks to meet state and federal requirements.
- Provide documentation of necessary insurance coverage required to work in hospitals and health care facilities.

Acceptance into the program may become competitive if the number of applicants exceeds the number of intern spaces available. This program currently accepts four to five interns each academic year.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Graduate Certificates (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/graduateprograms/gradcertrequirements/).
- Complete the following major requirements:

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Total: 12-15

A minimum of 12 credits is required for the certificate.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program the graduate will be able to:

- Integrate scientific information and research into practice. [Scientific and evidence basis of practice]
- Display beliefs, values, attitudes and behaviors that are at the professional dietitian level of practice. [Professional practice expectations]
- Provide clinical and customer services by developing and delivering information, products and services to individuals, groups and populations. [Clinical and customer service]
- Utilize strategic application of principles of management and systems in the provision of services to individuals and organizations. [Practice management and use of resources]
- Demonstrate an understanding of Alaska Native culture and Alaska’s unique healthcare delivery system. [Concentration area: Alaska Native culture and Alaska’s unique healthcare delivery system]