



Dietetic Internship Program (ACEND Accredited Supervised Practice Experiences)

National Match Applicants (Spring 2017) - Admissions Requirements Checklist

Submit directly to Messiah College:	Date Submitted/Requested
Completed Messiah College graduate online application . (Due by February 15, 2017)	
\$30 application fee (waived for Messiah College students and graduates; due by February 15, 2017)	
The original/official DPD verification statement indicating that you successfully completed Didactic Program in Dietetics Requirements. (If you are currently a senior, this form is typically mailed to you in June from your program. (Due by July 1, 2017))	
Final official transcript showing degree awarded and conferral date, and transcripts from other schools at which DPD courses were taken. (Due by July 1, 2017)	
Register with D&D Digital for Spring 2017 Internship Matching by Feb. 15, 2017	
Submit directly to Dietetic Internship Centralized Application System (DICAS) by Feb. 15, 2017:	
<p>Application to the Messiah College dietetic internship requires completion or anticipated completion of a Bachelor's or Master's degree (minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale) from an institution that is regionally accredited by one of the following: Middle States, New England, North Central, Northwest, Western and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and anticipated completion of an ACEND-accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) with a minimum DPD GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. To verify these things submit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended. 2) An Intent to Complete Form or Verification Statement from your DPD Director verifying completion or anticipated completion of DPD courses and a degree. 	
<p>Personal Statement of Purpose. Your 1000 word statement should address the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why do you want to enter the dietetics profession? 2. Discuss experiences that have helped to prepare you for your career. 3. Why are you interested in completing a dietetic internship at Messiah College? 4. What are your short and long term goals? 5. What are your strengths and weaknesses or areas needing improvement? 6. What other information do you consider important for the selection decision? 	
Three recommendations (at least one must be from a volunteer or work supervisor and at least one should be from a college faculty member). The standard DICAS recommendation will be used.	
Completion of at least 400 hours of work or volunteer experiences in the past 3 years, including a minimum of 200 hours related to nutrition and dietetics such as nutrition education, food production, or as a dietary aid. Preference will be given to applicants with experience in two or more of the following three areas: medical nutrition, community nutrition or food service	

Questions about the dietetic internship may be directed to:

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All application materials submitted directly to Messiah College should be sent to:

GradPrograms@messiah.edu

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