



**Dietetic Internship Program (ACEND Accredited Supervised Practice Experiences)**

**Preselect Messiah College Applicants - Admissions Requirements Checklist**

Requirement	Date Submitted/Requested
Completion or anticipated completion of a Bachelor's degree from <b>Messiah College</b> .	
Official transcript indicating the degree earned or to be earned and official transcripts from other schools at which DPD courses were taken. (Graduate programs will secure Messiah College transcripts for all Messiah College graduates who sign the release included in the application. Applicants are responsible for securing non-Messiah transcripts). <b>Due by December 1, 2016. Final official Messiah College transcript showing degree awarded and conferral date due by July 1, 2017.</b>	
Anticipated completion of ACEND Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) at Messiah College with a minimum DPD GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (and no grade less than a C in DPD courses), as well as a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Please complete and submit this <a href="#">form</a> by <b>December 1, 2016</b> .	
Completed Messiah College graduate online <a href="#">application</a> . <b>Due by December 1, 2016</b> .	
\$30 application fee (waived for Messiah College students and graduates).	
Personal Statement of Purpose. Your 1000 word statement is <b>due by December 1, 2016</b> and should address the following:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why do you want to enter the dietetics profession?</li> <li>2. Discuss experiences that have helped to prepare you for your career.</li> <li>3. Why are you interested in completing a dietetics internship at Messiah College?</li> <li>4. What are your short and long term goals?</li> <li>5. What are your strengths and weaknesses or areas needing improvement?</li> <li>6. What other information do you consider important for the selection decision?</li> </ol>	
Two recommendations (one from a volunteer or work supervisor, and one from a faculty member in the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics). Fill out the waiver on the first page and send this <a href="#">form</a> to each of your recommenders. Forms <b>due by December 1, 2016</b> .	
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. Complete and submit this <a href="#">form</a> by <b>December 1, 2016</b> .	
The original/official DPD verification statement indicating that you successfully completed the Didactic Program in Dietetics Requirements. (If you are currently a senior, this form will be completed by the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics and mailed to you in June. This should be submitted to Graduate Admissions (see below) by <b>July 1, 2017</b> ).	

**Questions about the dietetic internship may be directed to:**

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**Director, Dietetic Internship**

**All application materials should be submitted to:**

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