

**Dietetic Internship**

National Match option  
Preselect option (for Messiah College students only)

**Admissions Requirements for National Match:**

**Submit to Messiah College:**

- The completed online application with a \$30 application fee (waived for Messiah College graduates)
- The original/official DPD verification statement indicating that you successfully completed Didactic Program in Dietetics Requirements
- Final official transcript showing degree awarded and conferral date, and transcripts from other schools at which DPD course were taken
- Register with D&D Digital for Spring 2018 Internship Matching

**Submit directly to Dietetic Internship Centralize Application System (DICAS):**

- Application to the Messiah College dietetic internship requires completion of Bachelor's or Master's degree and a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA, and anticipated completion of an ACEND-accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) with a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA

To verify these things submit:

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

- Personal Statement of Purpose. Your 1000 word statement should address the following:

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 letters of recommendation (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 experienced in the past 3 years, including a minimum of 200 hours related of nutrition and dietetics such as nutrition education, food production, or as s dietary aid. Preference will be given to applicants with experience in two or more of the following three areas: medical nutrition, communi-ty nutrition or food service.

**Admissions Requirements for Preselect Option (Messiah College students only):**

- Completion (or anticipated completion) of Bachelor's degree from Messiah College
- Official transcripts indicating a Bachelor's or Master's degree earned where DPD courses were taken
- Anticipated completion of ACEND Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) at Messiah College with a minimum of DPD GPA of 3.3 (and no grade less than a C in DPD courses), as well as a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Completed Messiah College graduate online application
- Personal Statement of Purpose (see requirement above)
- Three letters of recommendation (at least one must be from a volunteer or work supervisor and at least one should be from a college faculty member). Applicants can invite references to complete an online recommendation form
- Completion of at least 400 hours of work or volunteer experienced (see requirement above)
- The original/official DPD verification statement indicating that you successfully completed the DPD requirements (if you are a current senior, this form will be completed by the Dept of Nutrition and Dietetics and mailed to you in June)