

Program Composition

Interns experience a variety of dietetics practice settings when rotating through the clinical, community and food service sectors. Preceptors provide a rich and diverse educational experience as interns gain the necessary competencies to earn a verification statement. As the BHS Internship is based out of a hospital system most rotations take place in the hospital setting but community and outpatient settings offer an array of experiences throughout the city of San Antonio. A breakdown of rotations is listed below:

Non-Degree Track

- Clinical Nutrition 1, 2 and 3 (3 weeks each)
- Clinical Staff Relief (4 weeks)
- Renal Dialysis (2 weeks)
- NICU/Pediatrics (2 weeks)
- School Foodservice (1 week)
- Management/ Hospital Foodservice (6 weeks)
- San Antonio Food Bank (1 week)
- HEB (2 weeks)
- WIC (1 week)
- Enrichment (3 weeks)

Graduate Degree Track

Students enrolled in the Graduate Degree Track follow a similar rotation plan as the Non- Degree Track but on a part time schedule, 2-3 days per week over an extended period of time. Hours spent in rotations are comparable. An example is provided below.

- Clinical Nutrition 1, 2 and 3 (each 2-3 days per week over 6 weeks, ~340 hours total)
- Clinical Staff Relief (3-4 days per week over 4 weeks, ~120 hours)
- Renal Dialysis (2 days per week over 4 weeks, ~64 hours)
- NICU/Pediatrics (3 days per week over 3 weeks, ~72 hours)
- School Foodservice (*Full time rotation* 5 days per week x1 week followed by a week off)
- Management/ Hospital Foodservice (3 days per week over 10 weeks, ~240h)
- WIC (2 days per week over 2 weeks, ~32 hours)
- CHEF (2 days per week over 2 weeks, ~32 hours)
- HEB (2 days per week over 5 weeks, ~80 hrs)
- Enrichment (3 days per week over 3 weeks, ~72 hours)

Enrichment – Student identified rotation

This rotation is intended to support the intern in further exploring their specific area of interest. **The rotation site and preceptor are selected by the intern.** The Program Director is available to assist the intern by providing site recommendations and contact information. If the intern is unable to secure an Enrichment rotation site, they are able to complete the rotation within the Baptist Health System.

Locations

Hospital Rotations:

Hospital rotations include Clinical Nutrition, Staff Relief, Management/ Hospital Foodservice and NICU/ Pediatrics. Students can expect to rotate through three or four of the following hospitals:

Baptist Medical Center
St Luke's Baptist
North East Baptist
North Central Baptist
Mission Trail Baptist

Non Hospital Rotations:

School Foodservice - North East San Antonio ISD
Renal Dialysis - Davita, Various locations
WIC: SA Metro Health
San Antonio Food Bank
HEB: Virtual / Various locations

Credit for Prior Learning

Applicants with extensive relevant learning and/or work experience can apply for credit toward supervised practice hours. The Program Director will evaluate experience and grant credit on a case by case basis. Refer to guidelines, below.

1. Approval will be granted for documented learning only.
2. The documented learning must be clearly and directly related to the competency statements required by ACEND for completion of the dietetic internship program.
3. While the Program Director can provide guidance and assistance, **it is the sole responsibility of each intern to provide a portfolio of documentation** (examples may include: projects/assignments/previous job experiences related to the competency statements from post-college work experience) that will serve as the basis for determination of credit towards supervised practice hours. The intern must also obtain a letter corroborating this experience from their immediate employer(s)/supervisor(s).
4. **Submission of the portfolio must be turned in to the Program Director by the end of orientation (first week of the program)** to allow for sound planning of the intern's supervised practice experience. The intern must obtain the rotation competencies from the Program Director for the specific rotation they are requesting credit for so as to prepare the portfolio to demonstrate and clarify completion of the competencies.
5. Interns may not apply for credit towards supervised practice hours for any of the clinical rotations, general orientation, general clinical orientation, or culminating staff experience rotation. Interns may apply for credit towards supervised practice hours for community and management/leadership rotations.
6. Students who earn an Online Master's in Nutrition from the University of Houston are able to submit documentation for successful completion of case study, research and capstone projects completed as a part of the coursework. If quality is deemed satisfactory by the Program Director the student may receive credit for the following program requirements: one case study presentation, journal club and/or wellness project.
7. The amount of supervised practice hours to be credited will be dependent upon the number of rotation competencies that the intern is able to demonstrate competency. If determined that the intern will receive credit hours for prior experience, the rotation(s) will be shortened accordingly as well as the overall timeframe of the internship (tuition fee is not adjusted).
8. Guidelines for awarding credit:
 - a. 100% of the competencies for that respective rotation documented equals to credit of 100% of the supervised practice hours for that rotation.
 - b. 75% of the competencies for that respective rotation documented equals to credit of 75% of that supervised practice hours for that rotation.
 - c. 50% of the competencies for that respective rotation documented equals to credit of 50% of that supervised practice hours for that rotation.
 - d. 25% of the competencies for that respective rotation documented equals to credit of 25% of that supervised practice hours for that rotation.