

DISTANCE DIETETIC INTERNSHIP ROTATIONS

NUTRITION THERAPY – 600 hours

During the clinical nutrition therapy rotation, interns will encounter patients/clients with complex medical/nutritional needs. Developing skills and meeting competencies related to the nutrition care process (nutrition assessment, nutrition diagnoses, nutrition therapy implementation including counseling, and monitoring/evaluating the impact of nutrition interventions) is prioritized. During the Nutrition Therapy rotation, as well as during Orientation and Evaluation & Review weeks, all interns will have the opportunity to conduct nutrition assessments and counseling sessions to address various conditions, such as overweight, obesity, renal disease and malnutrition.

Dietetic Interns are required to select at least 2 unique sites for their Nutrition Therapy rotation.

- **Site 1:** Interns must rotate at least 262.5 hours at a Joint Commission or other nationally accredited acute care facility. Large or small community hospitals are examples of sites for Site 1.
- **Site 2:** Examples include long term care facility, outpatient health care center, bariatric center, diabetes center, dialysis center and/or an eating disorder center. Multiple sites can be used for Site 2 but each site must have a minimum of 75 hours per site.

FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT – 150 hours

This rotation can take place in a hospital, long term care and/or assisted care facility that prepares therapeutic diets. During this experience, you will become knowledgeable about the basics of quantity food production, such as menu planning, procurement, quantity food production, safety and sanitation, food distribution, and personnel management. It is expected you will apply your knowledge and experience to the production of therapeutic diets.

COMMUNITY NUTRITION – 262.5 hours

Rotations include work on community nutrition projects related to gardens, food insecurity, childhood health and obesity as well as WIC and other community agencies. Possible rotation sites include cooperative extension, food bank, Department of Health, senior centers, reservations, group housing agency, wellness center, corporations, and schools. Interns may have more than one site for community nutrition but each site must have a minimum of 75 hours for that site.

RESEARCH – 28 hours

This rotation is longitudinal and will run the length of the internship. A schedule will be provided at Orientation. The faculty of Stony Brook University will precept this rotation – dietetic interns are not required to find a preceptor.

ELECTIVE – 75 hours

Interns may select a rotation based on the intern's specific interest. Examples of Elective options are private practice, bariatrics, neonatal intensive care and sports nutrition.

RENAL – 30 hours

The Renal rotation includes online modules and virtual case studies, as well as a five-hour workshop by a renal dietitian and a tour of a dialysis center during Evaluation & Review Week.