

Wellness Workdays Dietetic Internship (WWDI) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- ❖ How many interns do you accept?
 - 80
- ❖ What do you look for in the ideal candidate?
 - We are looking for well-rounded candidate with good communication skills, leadership qualities and initiative.
 - Preference will be given to those applicants who have rotation sites identified and secured.
- ❖ My GPA is below a 3.0, should I still apply?
 - Yes! This is a recommendation not a requirement. In addition, the didactic GPA holds more weight than overall GPA.
- ❖ Can you apply to both part-time and full-time options? Is that two separate applications or do you have to choose only one?
 - It is the same application; please choose 1 option. If, after acceptance, you need to change your status for any reason you may discuss this change with the Program Director.
- ❖ Does this program require a fee or tuition?
 - Yes, our tuition is \$10,500. For a schedule of fees and a good faith estimate of expenses, go to our website: www.wellnessworkdays.com/WWDI
- ❖ Is it a MS-DI or a DI?
 - This is a DI. We do not award any degrees.
- ❖ I am currently a Master's student. Which GPA will you consider, Master's or Undergraduate?
 - We will review your cumulative GPA, but are most interested in the didactic GPA.
- ❖ Can interns be flexible in scheduling their rotations? For example, can I plan a vacation?
 - As long as you complete the internship within the allotted time frame, which is 150% of the planned time, you do have some flexibility with the scheduling process.
- ❖ I currently work as a diet tech in a hospital. Can hours and projects accrued during my job count toward the internship requirements?
 - No. You may not count hours on the job towards your internship hours, even if they are spent in the hospital. This is to ensure that you are receiving proper training and meet the strict guidelines and learning outcomes set forth by ACEND of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- ❖ Who should letters of recommendation come from?
 - DICAS requires that students submit 3 letters of recommendation. That is a requirement. At WW, we recommend one academic reference, one professional reference and one reference of your choice. For instance, if you spent time volunteering or working and have someone who can attest to your skills, that person would be ideal for your third reference. This is a suggestion and not a requirement.
- ❖ Do I have to find my own sites, in my area?
 - Yes, please refer to the "Tips for Securing Potential Sites" for more information on what to look for and how to go about contacting potential sites and preceptors.
 - Consider contacting your advisor, professors, colleagues or past interns from your current school who have completed distance programs for ideas and references.
- ❖ Can Wellness Workdays put me in contact with potential sites and preceptors?

- As a distance program, the responsibility of securing sites and preceptors ultimately falls to the intern/applicant. We are happy to help with this process. Call or email us to discuss. Please refer to the “Tips for Securing Potential Sites” for more information.
- ❖ Do preceptors need to fill out any forms / paperwork?
 - Upon acceptance to our program, preceptors will receive agreement forms for the preceptor to complete and return to WW. No forms are required to be filled out by preceptors prior to acceptance.
- ❖ Does my food service preceptor need to be an R.D.?
 - No, your food service preceptor can be an RD, food service manager or a food service director.
- ❖ Can I complete my clinical hours at a long-term care facility?
 - Acute clinical rotation must be completed at a hospital, not a long-term care facility. However, we do require that each intern complete 80 hours at a long-term care facility as well.
- ❖ Are preceptor agreements required as part of the DICAS application?
 - Preceptor agreements are not required as part of the application process, but it is strongly encouraged to have identified rotation sites. For more details, please refer to the handout “Tips for Securing Potential Sites”.
- ❖ Do I need to secure preceptors for all of the rotations (clinical, community, food service, worksite wellness and my elective) before applying for the distance DI?
 - It is not required, but preferred that you at least have a minimum clinical sites / preceptors identified and confirmed.
- ❖ How will I know what sites will be applicable for each of my rotations?
 - Please refer to the “Tips for Securing Potential Sites” document.
- ❖ For the wellness rotation would a Weight Watchers clinic be an acceptable preceptor for that rotation?
 - Weight Watchers does not satisfy the requirements for the worksite wellness rotation because it would not expose you to employee centered wellness program as it relates to business, insurance and office culture.