

OUR GRADUATES WORK AT EXCITING PLACES!

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HERE'S WHAT OUR GRADUATES SAY:

"Wellness Workdays offered a focus that met my interest, flexibility that met my lifestyle and people that were exciting, fun and enthusiastic about wellness, which is what I aspired to!"
– Emily Price '15

"I am extremely pleased with Wellness Workdays Distance Dietetic Internship. It provided me flexibility, support and a positive experience. I wouldn't change a thing about my internship year."

– Sarah Tobin '15

"Wellness Workdays DI was a diverse and inspirational program that has prepared me for a successful future as an RD!"
– Jaclyn Padavano '15

"The Wellness Workdays team instilled confidence in their interns from day one, treating us as professionals and encouraging creativity when setting up rotations and satisfying competencies."

– Nick Arcuri '15

"I couldn't imagine getting my master's degree anywhere but Merrimack College."
– Caitlin Goffman '16,
Exercise & Sport Science



MERRIMACK COLLEGE

Wellness Workdays

Wellness Workdays offers a unique distance education program with a focus on worksite wellness and health promotion. The Wellness Workdays Dietetic Internship is designed to meet the individual needs and interests of individuals seeking to become Registered Dietitians and leaders in their field.

Accreditations

Wellness Workdays Dietetic Internship has been granted full accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). Merrimack College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Universities (NEASC).

Merrimack College

The Health Sciences graduate programs at Merrimack provide a strong science foundation in health promotion with real-world business and leadership skills. The unique interdisciplinary approach is consistent with the requirements of graduate education in the rapidly expanding healthcare, health promotion/public health, and exercise science industry. Merrimack is a selective, independent college located only 25 miles north of Boston, MA. Merrimack has 3,200 undergraduates and nearly 600 graduate students from all over the world.



MERRIMACK COLLEGE

THE MASTER OF SCIENCE DIETETIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

A DUAL PROGRAM WITH WELLNESS WORKDAYS AND MERRIMACK COLLEGE

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The M.S. - Dietetic Internship Program offers a unique and innovative dietetic internship linked with a master's degree program – all completed within one year. This dual program is ideal for recent graduates who hold a Bachelor's degree as well as those seeking to change careers.

- Complete the required dietetic internship through an ACEND accredited program.
- Earn a master's degree in health sciences in one year with a significant scholarship.
- Meet the requirements to sit for the Registered Dietitian exam.
- Enhance your career and build your network.

PROGRAM TIMELINE
DIETETIC INTERNSHIP – BEGINS IN JULY 2017
WITH WELLNESS WORKDAYS

Choose one concentration.

- Worksite Wellness and Health Promotion
- Sports Nutrition and Entrepreneurship
- Nutrition Communications and Marketing

MASTER'S DEGREE COURSEWORK BEGINS
IN FALL 2017 AT MERRIMACK COLLEGE

Choose a graduate degree program.

- Exercise and Sport Science
- Community Health Education
- Health and Wellness Management

The Dietetic Internship is a flexible, 1200-hour program that meets the strict competencies and learning outcomes of The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ASCEND) through a combination of acute clinical hours, long-term/elder care services, community, food services management, concentration, and elective rotation.



Graduate requirements
To graduate, dietetic interns must complete the minimum 1200 supervised practice hours, all didactic hours, assignments, rotation evaluations, practice exams and complete an exit interview at program completion. For the Master of Science degree, students must complete eight required courses (32 credits).

Following successful completion of the dietetic internship, the intern receives a Verification Statement and their name will then be submitted to the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) by the Wellness Workdays Dietetic Internship (WWDI) Program Director as evidence of eligibility to sit for the (RD) credentialing exam. Students will graduate in May 2018 with a Master of Science degree from Merrimack College.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
Refer to www.wellnessworkdays.com/intern-resources for a complete list of FAQs.

How many interns do you accept?
The WWDI is approved to accept 80 interns annually.

Who is eligible to apply?
To be considered for this prestigious program, the ideal candidate has a 3.0 GPA and meets the admission requirements of the graduate program of choice. For the internship, the didactic GPA holds more weight than overall GPA.

If I am not accepted into the Dietetic Internship, could I still be admitted into a master's program at Merrimack?
Applicants not selected for a dietetic internship are still eligible for admittance into one of Merrimack's Master of Science degree programs, and may still be reviewed for a merit scholarship to Merrimack. A separate application is not required.

What do you look for in the ideal candidate?
We are looking for well-rounded candidates with good communication skills, leadership qualities and initiative. Preference will be given to those applicants who have rotation sites identified and secured.

What is the timeline for the program?
Those selected for a dietetic internship and graduate study in the dual program begin their internship in summer 2017 and their graduate coursework in fall 2017. To earn the master's degree in one year, students must complete eight required courses (32 credits) within one calendar year.

Is housing available?
Merrimack College can assist students with finding off campus housing and help match roommates. Several excellent housing options are located near the Merrimack campus in North Andover, MA.

HOW TO APPLY -
DEADLINE TO APPLY IS FEBRUARY 15, 2017

Application Requirements
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Verification Statement: Students who have or will be completing a Didactic Programs in Dietetics (DPD) program accredited by ACEND and will be receiving a DPD verification statement are eligible to participate in this program.

- A 3.0 GPA is preferred
- A Personal Statement (1000 words or less)
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- Official Transcripts
- Application Fee: In addition to the DICAS application fee, a non-refundable \$75 internship application fee is due. There is no fee to apply for the master's program at Merrimack College.
- Wellness Workdays Dietetic Internship Supplemental Application

Financial aid is available.

1. Apply to Wellness Workdays through DICAS Online (<https://portal.dicas.org>) which offers you a convenient online application service designed to simplify and streamline the application process while providing you flexibility, electronic submission of application, and ongoing communication.

2. Go to wellnessworkdays.com/DI to download and complete the supplemental application and also indicate your interest in the master's degree program at Merrimack College using our free online application.

3. If you are offered the Dietitian Internship through Wellness Workdays, many of the application requirements for the health sciences master's degree at Merrimack College will be waived. An official transcript will be required.

Visit www.wellnessworkdays.com/how-to-apply for additional information on the application process.

PROGRAM COMPLETION OUTLINE

Timeframe	Dietetic Internship Rotations	Master's Degree Coursework
July	5-Day orientation to WWDI	
July – August	6 Weeks of rotation hours at 40 hours/week	
September – December	280 Hours of rotation hours at 20 – 25 hours/week	Fall Semester (16 credits, 4 classes)
January	2 Weeks of rotation hours at 40 hours/week	
January – May	280 Hours of rotation hours at 20 – 25 hours/week	Spring Semester (16 credits, 4 classes)
May – July	Completion of rotation hours	Graduate in May