

# Application Procedures:

Students must complete 2 applications:

- 1) MSU Graduate Studies
- 2) Dietetic Internship Application

The application must be completed and postmarked by February 15, 2008. Application packet must include the following to be considered:

- ADA Supervised Practice Application
- Letter of Application (limit 500 words)
- Resume
- Official Transcripts
- 3 Letters of Recommendations
- Declaration of Intent to Complete Degree or Verification of Completion Program form
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Scores
- \$40.00 Application Fee

## Estimated Expenses:

Tuition (fees are subject to change w/o notice):

Resident (2 semesters)—\$4,600

Nonresident (2 semesters)—\$5,958

Campus Parking Permit—\$65

Textbooks, supplies, insurance and other fees—\$1,000

ADA Membership—\$49

Professional Meetings (FNCE, MDA, and district meetings \*hotels, meals, and travel costs vary): \$1,000

Transportation: Interns must provide own transportation between university and facilities with sufficient automobile insurance

Financial Aid: Full time graduate students are eligible for federally guaranteed student loans. Contact MSU financial aid office at <http://misstate.edu/dept/sfa>

Awards are also available through the American Dietetic Association, professional and honorary fraternities and foundations.

The MSU Dietetic Internship/Graduate Studies Program is currently granted accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education of The American Dietetics Association, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606, 312-899-5400.



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# Mississippi State University Dietetic Internship/ Graduate Studies



DIETETIC INTERNSHIP/  
GRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAM

## **MSU Dietetic Internship/ Graduate Studies Program (DI/GSP)**

The MSU DI/GSP is an innovative, post-baccalaureate program designed to prepare interns for rewarding careers in traditional and nontraditional roles. Interns complete the requirements for the DI and earn 6 hours of graduate credit over 10 months. The program provides hands-on experiences in various clinical, research, food service management, community nutrition, and nutrition education activities that registered dietitians encounter. Upon completion of the internship, graduates are prepared for the Registration Examination of the Commission on Dietetic Registration, as well as entry level practice.

*The mission is to provide supervised practice, integrated with graduate education, to prepare interns who are competent entry-level practitioners. The program accomplishes this through learning experiences in a variety of practice settings with contrasting delivery systems and a research oriented graduate education.*

### **Goals of MSU DI/GSP:**

The DI/GSP will:

1. **prepare graduates who are competent entry-level dietitians**
2. **Reinforce the concept of lifelong learning as a personal and professional obligation for dietitians.**

### **Graduation and Program Completion Requirements**

**Over 10 months, interns complete the requirements for the DI/GSP. The Verification statement is issued upon the completion of planned supervised practice rotations. Students will be enrolled in 6 hours of supervised practice and one 3 hour graduate course each semester.**

**Fall Semester:**

**6 hours Supervised Practice**

**3 hour graduate course (yet to be determined)**

**Spring Semester:**

**6 hours Supervised Practice**

**3 hour graduate course (Advanced**

**Clinical Nutrition)**

### **Supervised Practice Facilities:**

Baptist Memorial Hospital—Golden Triangle (Columbus, MS) 6 weeks

Mississippi State Dept of Health (Starkville, MS) 4 weeks

MSU Extension Service (MSU) 3 weeks

North Mississippi Health Services (Tupelo, MS) 10 weeks

North Mississippi Medical Center-Eupora (Eupora, MS) 3 weeks

Oktibbeha County Hospital (Starkville, MS) 6 weeks

### **Admission**

The MSU DI/GSP accepts up to 8 students annually. The program will begin August 1, 2008 for April computer match. Admission is on a competitive basis. Successful applicants will have:

- B.S. degree from accredited college or university
- Meet CADE accredited DPD requirements
- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- Minimum GRE score of 800 (quantitative and verbal)
- Relevant work experience
- Demonstrated capacity for leadership

Applications are reviewed by a selection committee and rankings are sent to D & D for computer matching. In addition to meeting the requirements for the DI/GSP, **interns must be admitted to the MSU Graduate Studies Program in Food Science, Nutrition, and Health Promotion.** (Admission to the program is open to qualified students regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or veteran status.)