



**Degree Requirements for M.S. Nutrition/Dietetic Internship Program**

Abilene Christian University’s combined M.S. in Nutrition/Dietetic Internship program associated with CitySquare is one of the first programs in the nation to offer an internship program with an emphasis on “Poverty and Community.” Twenty-seven hours of online courses (9 courses) for the M.S in Nutrition degree are taken in the first year (52 weeks) of the program with 47 weeks of coursework. The orientation to the internship, supervised practice rotations, and other graduate courses (9 hours, 3 courses) will follow the first year. One of those courses is online, and the other two courses are face-to-face. Courses in the second year are taken concurrently with the rotations but begin in August. The orientation for the internship begins in August, but the rotation cycle will begin in September and end in June of the next year. The rotations provide interns with entry-level competence for work in any area of dietetics. The M.S. in Nutrition/DI Committee members feel graduates of the ACU DI will be prepared to serve the majority of the population but especially populations that have disabilities or are in poverty. The internship orientation and rotation portion of the program is 39 weeks in length with 32 weeks supervised practice rotations. The total number of weeks in the combined program total 99 weeks or approximately 23 months. The ACU M.S. in Nutrition/Dietetic Internship is designed to prepare students/interns with the academic and clinical training to sit for the Registration Examination for Dietitians.

Requirements - Courses and Rotations

During the first year of the M.S. in Nutrition/Dietetic Internship and beginning the last of June or first part of July, courses are taken continuously and are 7-week online courses (but the courses span 8 weeks because they begin on a Tuesday and end on a Monday) except during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

The second year begins the last of June or first part of July with another 7-week online course. The internship portion begins in August of the second year with orientation followed by internship rotations in September through the next June. During rotations, 9 hours of required courses are taken in the fall and spring semesters (these 9 hours are in 16-week long semesters) so that a total of 36 hours of M.S. in Nutrition courses are completed by the end of the internship rotations. Six of those hours (NUTR 620 Dietetic Internship) are face-to-face with the Program Director and 3 hours (NUTR 621 Nutrition Research) are online.

<b>Rotation or Course</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Course Hours</b>	<b>Practice Site</b>	<b>Weeks of Rotation</b>	<b>Supervised Practice Hours</b>
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>					
√NUTR 622 <b>Weight Management I</b>	Summer 2	3	Online		

√NUTR 628 Nutrition Education and Counseling	Fall 1	3	Online		
√NUTR 629 Nutrition and Integrative Medicine and ^NUTR 627 Nutrition and Diabetes	Fall 2	3 OR 6	Online		
√NUTR 633 Nutritional Genomics and ^NUTR 625 School Nutrition and ^NUTR 635 Nutrition for Exercise and Sport	Spring 1	3 OR 6	Online		
√NUTR 634 Practice Skills and Current Issues and ^NUTR 632 Nutrition and Eating Disorders	Spring 2	3 OR 6	Online		

√NUTR 626 Nutrition and Assessment and ^NUTR 624 Weight Management II	Summer 1	3 OR 6	Online		
<b>Rotation or Course</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Course Hours</b>	<b>Practice Site</b>	<b>Weeks of Rotation</b>	<b>Supervised Practice Hours</b>
<b>SECOND YEAR</b>					
√NUTR 623 Nutrition and Poverty	Summer 2	3	Online		
<b>Orientation to Internship</b>			Opportunity Center	1	
√NUTR 620 Dietetic Internship and √NUTR 621 Nutrition Research	Fall	6	Opportunity Center  and Online		
√NUTR 620 Dietetic Internship	Spring	3	Opportunity Center		
<b>Medical Nutrition Therapy, Clinical, Acute, Critical, and Long Term Care</b>			Methodist Mansfield Medical Center, Baylor Irving Medical Center, Wise Regional Medical Center, Weatherford Medical Center, or Charlton Methodist Medical Center	6	240
			*Christian Care Centers, Inc. or LTAC	3	120
			Fresenius Kidney Centers	3	120
<b>Total of MNT</b>				<b>12</b>	<b>480</b>
<b>Foodservice Management and Administration</b>			Dallas ISD, Mesquite ISD, or Garland ISD	9	360
			City Square Opportunity Center	1	40
<b>Total of Foodservice,</b>				<b>10</b>	<b>400</b>

<b>Management and Administration</b>					
<b>Poverty and Community</b>			Meals on Wheels	2	80
			Dallas Life Homeless Shelter	1	40
			Outreach Services— WIC –Weatherford OR Terrell, TX	1	40
			*CitySquare Opportunity Center	3	120
<b>Total of Poverty and Community</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>280</b>	
<b>Intern Choice of Rotation</b>			Various facilities	3	120
<b>Total of Intern Choice</b>				<b>3</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Holidays/ Vacation</b>			Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Break	6	
<b>Total</b>		36		39	<b>1280</b>

√Required courses

^Elective courses – 6 hours are required

\*These rotations split hours between Foodservice and MNT or Foodservice and Poverty and Community

**A sample schedule is shown below:**

<b>Weeks</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Rotation</b>
1-8	June 30 – August 17	NUTR 622 Weight Management Course (Online)
9-16	August 25 – October 12	NUTR 628 Nutrition Education and Counseling
17-21 and 23- 25	October 20 – November 20 and November 30 – December 14	NUTR 629 Nutrition and Integrative Medicine NUTR 627 Nutrition and Diabetes
22	November 23 – 27	Thanksgiving Holiday
25-28	December 15 – January 8	Christmas Holiday
29-36	January 12 – March 1	NUTR 633 Nutritional Genomics
37-44	March 9 – April 26	NUTR 634 Practice Skills and Current Issues NUTR 632 Nutrition for Eating Disorders
45-52	May 4 – June 21	NUTR 626 Nutrition Assessment

53-60	June 29 – August 16	NUTR 623 Nutrition and Poverty
61-76	August 23 – December 10	NUTR 620 Dietetic Internship NUTR 621 Nutrition Research
61	August 23 – 27	Orientation at the Opportunity Center
62-63	August 30 – September 10	Meals on Wheels
64-66	September 13 – October 1	Fresenius Kidney Centers
67	October 4 – 8	Homeless Shelter
68-70	October 11 – 29	Mesquite Specialty Hospital
71-73, 75-76	November 1 – 19 November 29 – December 10	Weatherford Regional Medical Center
74	November 22 – 26	Thanksgiving Holiday
77-80	December 13 – January 7	Christmas Holiday
81	January 10 – 14	Weatherford Regional Medical Center
82-98	January 18 – May 2	NUTR 620 Dietetic Internship
82-89, 91	January 17 – March 11 March 21 – 25	Dallas ISD
90	March 14 – 18	Spring Break
92-94	March 28 – April 15	Intern Choice of Rotation
95-98	April 18 – May 13	Opportunity Center
99	May 16 – 20	WIC

#### Academic and Program Calendar – Dates to Remember

Deadline to upload application to Dietetic Internship Centralized Application Service (DICAS) and send computer matching materials to D&D Systems is February 15, 2020 for the 2020-2021

Deadline to Apply for Admission – February 15, 2020

for the 2020-2021 calendar year

NUTR 622 Weight Management I course (online) begins – June 30, 2020

NUTR 628 Nutrition Education and Counseling begins – August 25, 2020

NUTR 629 Nutrition and Integrative Medicine and NUTR 627 Nutrition and Diabetes begin – October 20, 2020

Thanksgiving Holiday – November 23-27, 2020

Christmas Holiday – December 15, 2020 – January 8, 2021

NUTR 633 Nutritional Genomics, NUTR 625 School Nutrition, and NUTR 635 Nutrition for Exercise and Sport begin – January 13, 2021

NUTR 634 Practice Skills and Current Issues and NUTR 632 Nutrition for Eating Disorders begin – March 9, 2021

NUTR 626 Nutrition Assessment begins – May 4, 2021

NUTR 623 Nutrition and Poverty course begins – June 29, 2021

NUTR 620 Dietetic Internship and NUTR 621 Nutrition Research courses begin – August 23, 2021

Dietetic Internship Orientation – August 23, 2021

Internship Rotations begin – August 30, 2021

Thanksgiving Holiday – November 22 – 26, 2021

Christmas Holiday – December 13, 2021 – January 7, 2022

Internship Rotations resume – January 10, 2022

NUTR 620 Dietetic Internship begins – January 18, 2022

Spring Break – March 14 – 18, 2022

Internship Rotations end – May 20, 2022

M.S. in Nutrition/Dietetic Internship Graduation – May 21, 2022