

Internal Dietetic Internship Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I apply for a SJSU dietetic internship if I am not an SJSU student?

The Internal Dietetic Internship Program in the Nutrition and Food Science Department at SJSU is only available to graduates of our program.

2. When do I submit the application for the dietetic internship?

Deadlines for application submission occur in the first 2 weeks of the semester in which you are applying.

3. If I already have a BA degree, do I need to complete the MS degree in order to apply for the Dietetic Internship?

No, you may complete the DPD requirements and a Dietetic Internship without receiving or completing your master's degree. Completion of an additional 15 units beyond the DPD coursework is required. (See pg. 6 of the detailed dietetic internship program pdf on the website for specific requirements.)

4. How do I get a DPD verification statement?

DPD transcript evaluation and DPD verification is conducted by Dr. Nancy Lu. It is the student's responsibility to contact Dr. Lu at least 2 semesters before applying to the internship to have your DPD transcripts evaluated.

5. Can I apply for an internship at the same hospital where I did my work experience?

No, you can not do an internship at a hospital where you worked or volunteered and counted as your 450 experience hours.

6. Do I get paid to do my internship?

Unfortunately, only a few locations pay students during their internship.

7. Do I apply need to enroll as a student to do my internship?

Yes, all students enroll as a graduate student in regular or special session for 2 semesters, including a summer session.

8. Will my internship be at only one location?

Depending on the facility, your dietetic internship may be at one location for both clinical and food service or it may be split among 2 locations.

9. Are the requirements the same for both an Internal and External Dietetic Internship?

If you are only applying for an external internship you are not required to fulfill 450 hours of work/volunteer experience. Dr. Nancy Lu conducts an external internship meeting at the end of every semester which will address specific requirements and application procedures.

10. Can I apply for both external and an internal internship?

Yes, you may apply for both. It will be important to indicate your preferences in order of priority when you apply