



DIETETIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

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Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Stony Brook University Dietetic Internship Program. The Dietetic Internship Program is jointly sponsored by two schools in the Health Sciences Center:

- ❖ the School of Health Technology and Management, Department of Health Care Policy and Management, and
- ❖ the School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine.

As a dietetic intern, you have the option to pursue a Master of Science in Health Care Policy and Management with a nutrition concentration. The Master of Science Degree Program is offered by the School of Health Technology and Management.

There are four potential options for completing the dietetic internship program.

❖ **OPTION I – DIETETIC INTERNSHIP FULL TIME WITH THREE REQUIRED GRADUATE COURSES**

- ◆ The Stony Brook University Dietetic Internship Program has two emphases: nutrition therapy and community nutrition.
- ◆ There are a total of 24 weeks of clinical rotations; this includes a 5-week outpatient rotation completed with the Department of Family Medicine at Stony Brook University. During this time your training is coordinated with the training of the Family Medicine residents to provide a multidisciplinary team training experience. In addition to 24 weeks of clinical rotations, there is a 5-week community rotation, a 7-week school and institutional food service rotation, and a 2-week elective rotation.
- ◆ Dietetic Internship rotations are completed September through June.
- ◆ Three master-level nutrition courses are required. The first class is offered in the summer session prior to the start of the internship (July-August 2009).
- ◆ *As a dietetic intern you are not a full-time student, and are therefore not eligible for financial aid through the University.*

❖ **OPTION II – DIETETIC INTERNSHIP FULL TIME WITH
MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM IN ONE YEAR**

- ◆ This option allows you to maximize your credentials and advance your career opportunities in an efficient time frame.
- ◆ An advanced degree in policy and management provides greater flexibility in career planning, while the nutrition concentration provides advanced training in clinical nutrition and nutrition management issues.
- ◆ Courses are offered during summer sessions, as well as spring and fall semesters. Dietetic internship rotation and course offerings are coordinated to facilitate completion of both programs in one year.

- ◆ *Full-time matriculated student status in the Master of Science Degree Program allows you to apply for financial aid through the University.*
 - ◆ Admissions into the Master of Science Degree program requires one year of health-related work experience. If you are offered a seat in the Dietetic Internship Program, this requirement is waived.
- ❖ **OPTION III – DIETETIC INTERNSHIP FULL TIME WITH
MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR**
- ◆ This option allows you to complete the Master of Science Degree program over a longer time period. (The internship is completed during a one-year time frame.)
 - ◆ Three required graduate nutrition classes must be completed during the internship year.
 - ◆ *As a part-time matriculated student you are not eligible for financial aid through the institution.*
 - ◆ Admissions into the Master of Science Degree program requires one year of health-related work experience. If you are offered a seat in the Dietetic Internship Program, this requirement is waived.
- ❖ **OPTION IV – DIETETIC INTERNSHIP PART TIME AND THREE REQUIRED COURSES**
NEXT AVAILABILITY: APPLY IN WINTER 2009 FOR SUMMER 2009 START
- ◆ This option allows you to complete the Internship part time during a two-year time period.
 - ◆ Interns would be required to attend orientation and seminars and complete two courses (HAS 506 and HAS 503) during the first year of the Internship. Rotations and a third course (HAS 507) would be completed within a 24-month time frame, including the possibility of clinical rotation placement in June, July, and August.
 - ◆ Each student consults with his/her academic advisor to establish a schedule.
 - ◆ *As a part-time matriculated student you are not eligible for financial aid through the institution.*
 - ◆ Part-time interns would be engaged in Dietetic Internship activities for a minimum of 16 hours per week, except during approved vacations (less than 6 weeks a year). Part-time dietetic interns would be required to meet all requirements, competencies, and learning outcomes as detailed in the curriculum for full-time interns.

Enclosed please find further descriptions of the Dietetic Internship Program and Master of Science Degree Program in Health Care Policy and Management with a nutrition concentration. In addition to the informational brochures about these programs, you will find the American Dietetic Association application form. Information on the School of Health Technology and Management graduate program is available at <http://www.hsc.stonybrook.edu/shtm/hcpm/hcpm.cfm> To apply to the master's program, visit www.uhmc.sunysb.edu/studserv/applyhsc.html (choose School of Health Technology and Management). If you have questions about the master's program, please call Regina Biasetti at (631) 444-8812. If you have any clinical questions, please e-mail me at josephine.connolly-schoonen@stonybrook.edu or call (631) 444-8246.

You are invited to attend our open house: Thursday, January 8, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. The open house will be held in the Department of Family Medicine, located in the Health Sciences Center, Level 4, Room 050. The Health Sciences Center is accessible through the hospital lobby. If you plan to attend an open house, please RSVP at least one week prior to the event by calling Regina Biasetti at (631) 444-8812. The internship staff is also available to meet with you by appointment. To make an appointment please call the Program Coordinator, Lorraine Danowski, at (631) 444-2467 or email at ldanowski@notes.cc.sunysb.edu. Thank you for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,



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