

Virginia/Maryland WIC Dietetic Internship

Dietetic Internship Mission Statement

“To support the mission of the Virginia Department of Health and Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene by providing an educational opportunity for WIC nutritionists seeking the Registered Dietitian credential. The program provides a broad based, entry level supervised experience based on CADE’s core competencies with a community emphasis.”

The Program Goals and Outcome Measures are:

- To offer a supervised experience program based on the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education’s Standards of Education and entry level program requirements, which will produce highly competent, community dietitians who can work effectively in the changing healthcare environment.

Since 1991 90% of internship graduates have passed the RD exam
Since 1991 76% of graduates passed on the first try

- To effectively utilize Virginia Department of Health personnel and resources to provide quality learning experiences that will benefit the intern, preceptor and local health departments.

Since 1991 100% of the interns accepted into the program completed the internship

On a 1-5 scale, program graduates were rated at 3 or above on all evaluated tasks

- To provide an opportunity for district nutritionists to enhance their professional skills and obtain the RD credential for professional advancement.

A survey of health department directors indicates satisfaction with the internship graduates’ performance

Since 1991 36% of the internship graduates are still employed by the Virginia Department of Health

Program Accreditation

The Dietetic Internship at the Virginia Department of health 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. Telephone number 1-800-877-1600.