

Wellness Workdays Dietetic Internship (WWDI) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Program Details

- How many interns do you accept?
 - 95

- What do you look for in the ideal candidate?
 - We are looking for well-rounded candidate with good communication skills, leadership qualities and initiative.
 - Preference will be given to those applicants who have rotation sites identified and secured.

- My GPA is below a 3.0, should I still apply?
 - Yes! This is a recommendation not a requirement. In addition, the didactic GPA holds more weight than overall GPA.

- Can you apply to both part-time and full-time options? Is that two separate applications or do you have to choose only one?
 - It is the same application; please choose 1 option. If, after acceptance, you need to change your status for any reason you may discuss this change with the Program Director.

- Does this program require a fee or tuition?
 - Yes, our tuition is \$11,000. For a schedule of fees and a good faith estimate of expenses, go to our website: www.wellnessworkdays.com/WWDI
 - Your tuition may be paid in 2 or more installments between April and July.

- Is it a MS-DI or a DI?
 - This is a DI. We do not award any degrees.
 - However, if you desire to complete your master's degree during your DI, we offer the opportunity to enroll in the Simmons College or Merrimack College master's programs. Visit our website for more information: www.wellnessworkdays.com/WWDI

- I currently work as a diet tech in a hospital. Can hours and projects accrued during my job count toward the internship requirements?
 - No. You may not count hours on the job towards your internship hours, even if they are spent in the hospital. This is to ensure that you are receiving proper training and meet the strict guidelines and learning outcomes set forth by ACEND of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

- Are the program tuition or fees refundable?
 - All program fees and tuition are non-refundable with no exceptions.

Scheduling My Rotations and Finding Preceptors

- Do I have to find my own sites, in my area?
 - Yes, please refer to the “Tips for Securing Potential Sites” for more information on what to look for and how to go about contacting potential sites and preceptors.
 - Consider contacting your advisor, professors, colleagues or past interns from your current school who have completed distance programs for ideas and references.

- How will I know what sites will be applicable for each of my rotations?
 - Please refer to the “Tips for Securing Potential Sites” document.

- How will I know how many hours are required in each rotation?
 - Please refer to the “Tips for Securing Potential Sites” document.

- Can interns be flexible in scheduling their rotations? For example, can I plan a vacation?
 - As long as you complete the internship within the allotted time frame, which is 150% of the planned time, you do have some flexibility with the scheduling process.

- Can Wellness Workdays put me in contact with potential sites and preceptors?
 - As a distance program, the responsibility of securing sites and preceptors ultimately falls to the intern/applicant. We are happy to help with this process. Call or email us to discuss. Please refer to the “Tips for Securing Potential Sites” for more information.

- Do I need to complete the Schedule Template for my application to the WWDI?
 - No. Within the supplemental application, you will be asked to provide details of rotations, sites, and preceptors you have confirmed.
 - We will provide a scheduling template to interns once they are matched to our program.

- Do preceptors need to fill out any forms / paperwork?
 - Upon acceptance to our program, preceptors will receive agreement forms for the preceptor to complete and return to WW. No forms are required to be filled out by preceptors prior to acceptance.

- Are preceptor agreements required as part of the DICAS application?
 - Preceptor agreements are not required as part of the application process, but it is strongly encouraged to have identified rotation sites. For more details, please refer to the handout “Tips for Securing Potential Sites”.

- Does my food service preceptor need to be an R.D.?
 - No, your food service preceptor can be an R.D., food service manager or a food service director.

- If I apply for my Sports Nutrition and Entrepreneurship rotation at an affiliated sports team with Wellness Workdays, am I guaranteed a rotation with a team?
 - No. Applicant can rank their top 3 affiliated teams.
 - Once applied and matched to the WWDI, applications will undergo an internal matching process with our WWDI staff and staff at the affiliated sports team.
 - Applicants will be interviewed virtually with the affiliated programs.

- Can I find my own preceptor for the Sports Nutrition and Entrepreneurship site or do I have to be matched with one provided by Wellness Workdays?
 - Yes, you can find your own preceptor for the SNE rotation. If you are interested in working with one of our affiliated professional or collegiate sports team, visit 'How to Apply' on our website for more details.

- Can I complete my clinical hours at a long-term care facility?
 - Acute clinical rotation must be completed at a hospital, not a long-term care facility. However, we do require that each intern complete 80 hours at a long-term care facility as well.

- Can I complete my clinical rotation at a Children's hospital, Dialysis Clinic or with an Outpatient Dietitian?
 - You can complete a maximum of 80 clinical hours at a children's hospital, dialysis clinic or with an outpatient dietitian located in a hospital.

- For the wellness rotation would a Weight Watchers clinic be an acceptable preceptor for that rotation?
 - Weight Watchers does not satisfy the requirements for the worksite wellness rotation because it would not expose you to employee centered wellness program as it relates to business, insurance and office culture.

- Do I need to secure preceptors for all of the rotations (clinical, community, food service, worksite wellness and my elective) before applying for the distance DI?
 - It is not required, but it is preferred that you at least have a minimum clinical sites / preceptors identified and confirmed.

Application Questions

- Is there an additional application to apply for the WWDI?
 - Yes. Visit 'How to Apply' on our website to learn more about the supplemental application process.

- I am currently a master's student. Which GPA will you consider, master's or undergraduate?
 - We will review your cumulative GPA but are most interested in the didactic GPA.

- Who should letters of recommendation come from?
 - DICAS requires that students submit 3 letters of recommendation. That is a requirement. At WW, we recommend one academic reference, one professional reference and one reference of your choice. For instance, if you spent time volunteering or working and have someone who can attest to your skills, that person would be ideal for your third reference. This is a suggestion and not a requirement.

- I am an international student. Can I apply for this internship?
 - As an international student, if you are eligible to study in the United States you are also eligible to apply for the Wellness Workdays Dietetic Internship. However, Wellness Workdays is not able to grant students or interns access to stay longer than their permit will allow.

- Can I be accepted into the internship if I received my DPD verification statement 6 years ago?
 - Prospective students who received their DPD verification statement more than 5 years prior to applying to our program need to document recent update of their core knowledge in order to be eligible to apply. This can occur through additional coursework in recommended nutrition and science-based courses.
 - Please contact our team at WWDI@wellnessworkdays.com for more details regarding our Recency of Education Policy.