



Pennsylvania Department of Health WIC Dietetic Internship

Financial Aid and Costs to the Intern

There is currently a non-refundable application fee of \$50.00 to cover processing of all applications. A non-refundable Tuition Fee of \$3500.00/ PA WIC intern has been established to participate in the PA WIC DI Internship Program. Participation may allow college loans to be deferred. Also, because of “Internship” status, educational loans and scholarships may be requested through the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND). Seeking financial aid is the responsibility of the dietetic intern.

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: <http://eatrightfoundation.org/>

PA Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: <https://eatrightpa.org>

PA WIC employees who are accepted as dietetic interns will continue to receive their full-time salary and fringe benefits from their local or state agency during the Internship. All interns are responsible for their own transportation, accommodations, laptop and internet service.

Application of Assessment of Prior Learning:

The DI program does allow exemption for prior learning, since interns are employees of WIC, however, it will be at the discretion of the DI Program Director to address any requests and to evaluate competencies previously achieved and the number of hours the intern may be eligible to replace up to one-third (1/3) of community hours rotation based on current DI curriculum design. Application for such compensation (using the PA WIC Application for Prior Learning Form) must be made to the DI Program Director at least **60 days** prior to the community rotation for consideration of exemptions. Requests should include the specific core competencies and activities being requested as well as sufficient information (Job description, signed proof of competency) from immediate supervisor validating those work experiences have been achieved. It will then be up to the DI Program Director to make a final determination of assessment of prior learning as well as the number of supervised hours. There is a non-refundable processing fee of fifty (\$50.00) dollars to have the Assessment of Prior Learning Application evaluated for prior learning hours.

Non-refundable Personal checks, money orders, or cashier’s checks should be made out to:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bureau of WIC



Additional Costs:

Items such as background checks, immunizations, titers, TB skin tests, drug tests, and individual malpractice liability insurance are requirements for interns. Interns are responsible for food and miscellaneous personal expenses incurred during the internship to include conferences, as well as transportation and parking for rotations and other professional meetings attended during the program. Slip resistant shoes and appropriate foodservice attire are required for certain rotations. Professional clothing, lab coat, and closed-toe dress shoes are the accepted attire for clinical and community rotations, unless otherwise approved by the preceptor at that specific site. A laptop computer, personal color printer and scanner, textbooks and on-line resources, as well as other office supplies are necessary for successful completion of program expectations. Interns are responsible for bearing the expense of these items and costs.

ESTIMATED INTERN COSTS	
Application Processing Fee (nonrefundable)	\$50.00
Tuition Fee (PA WIC employees)/Tuition Fee (Non-WIC employees) (non-refundable)	\$3,500.00/8,500.00
Prior Learning Assessment Processing Fee (non-refundable)	\$50.00
Books	\$600-\$1,000
Transportation (if required to travel to other sites or headquarters)	\$300-\$500
Liability insurance	\$100
General Orientation/Pre-Rotation Orientation (Harrisburg)	\$500-\$1,000
PA Farm Show Week	\$500-\$1,000
Housing costs (if required to relocate)	\$700-\$1,000/month
Background check	\$50-\$100
Drug screen	\$10-\$250
Lab coat/Nonskid shoes/Appropriate attire per site	\$100-\$150
Student AND Membership	\$58.00 – \$100.00
Laptop Computer/Color Printer	\$1500.00
Wireless Internet	\$50/month
Parking	Varies
FNCE Conference Fee	\$2,000.00
Phys Exam/Vaccines	Varies w/ Insurance
Food Costs	\$300/month
Automobile Insurance	\$500-\$1,000
Registration Examination	\$200.00
eNCPT Subscription	\$25.00
Calculator	\$20.00-\$30.00
ServSafe Certification	\$125.00
EHR go Subscription	\$65.00
Total Cost Estimated	\$20,753.00-\$31,245.00



EXCEPTIONS TO ELIGIBILITY/DIETETIC INTERNSHIP CENTRALIZED APPLICATION SYSTEM

The PA WIC Dietetic Internship program has 12 internship positions. The positions are usually pre-selected with PA WIC Employees. If vacancies exist, PA WIC will consider eligible applicants using the Spring Computer Match process. PA WIC will post the number of open positions on their PA WIC internship page of its website. Costs for Non-WIC employees includes a PA WIC DI Application processing fee of \$50.00 and a tuition costs of \$8500.00 for Non-WIC employees.

Please visit D & D Digital website <http://www.dnndigital.com/> for details and deadlines regarding Computer Match process.