Dietetic Systems Leadership

The proposed M.S. degree in dietetic systems leadership/dietetic internship (DI) will be a combined program with no breaks beginning the M.S. portion with two online courses in the first summer, continuing with six online classes throughout the fall and spring terms. The second summer students will complete two courses on campus, then progress in the second year (fall and spring semesters) through 41 weeks of supervised practice/dietetic internship at affiliate locations throughout Montana and Sheridan, Wyoming. A professional project will be completed in the final supervised practice course. The M.S. degree will be awarded after requirement completion along with a Verification Statement mandatory for eligibility to sit for the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist credentialing examination.

Degree Requirements including supervised practice internship – 39 total credits

**CLINICAL**
- Advanced Diet and Disease Systems 3 credits
- Advanced Medical Nutrition Therapy 3 credits

**FOOD MANAGEMENT**
- Food Innovation and Entrepreneurship 3 credits
- Advanced Food Systems Management in Dietetics 3 credits

**COMMUNITY NUTRITION/PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS**
- Health Care Informatics 3 credits
- Family Law & Public Policy 3 credits
- Critical Thinking, Research & Evidence-Informed Practice 3 credits
- Global Food Systems 3 credits

**CORE**
- Research Methods, Evaluation and Application 3 credits
- Food Systems Leadership for Nutrition Professionals 3 credits
- Dietetic Professionalism/Supervised Practice 9 credits

Graduates of the Montana State University M.S. degree in dietetic systems leadership/dietetic internship combined program, will emerge from the program as entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs) that are dynamic health care leaders with competent skills, highly capable professionals that integrate sustainable food systems principles into dietetic practice, and are prepared to provide services to meet health needs and enrich well-being of diverse populations in Montana and the Rocky Mountain regions.

**PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon completion of an integrated M.S. degree in dietetic systems leadership/dietetic internship, graduates in professional practice will:

- Display leadership, business and management principles to guide practice and achieve operational goals.
- Display professional behaviors and effective communication in nutrition and dietetics interactions.
- Apply foundational sciences to food and nutrition knowledge to meet the needs of individuals, groups and organizations;
- Apply and integrate client/patient-centered principles and competent nutrition and dietetics practice to ensure positive outcomes;
- Apply food system principles and management skills to ensure safe and efficient delivery of food and water;
- Apply community and population nutrition health theories when providing support to community or population nutrition programs;
- Integrate evidence-informed practice, research principles and critical thinking into dietetic practice.
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Times was used instead of Adobe Garamond Pro.

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