

Accreditation information to Prospective Students and the Public

Below is information about accreditation.

- a. The California State University Sacramento Dietetic Internship is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition (ACEND) and Dietetics of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND), 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, (312) 899-0040 ext. 5400 <https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend>



- b. **Description of the program, mission, goals and objectives:** Can be found on the DI website homepage.

- c. **Program outcomes data:** Since 2016 the Sac State DI has had a 100% First Year Pass Rate for the RD Credentialing examination. We have other strong outcomes including from employers and alumni. Additional program outcomes data are available upon request.

- d. **Information about the requirements and process to become a registered dietitian nutritionist/dietitian:** Effective January 1, 2024, the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) will require an individual to meet all eligibility requirements before **12:00 midnight Central Time, December 31, 2023.**

The Sac State DI offers two pathways for an applicant to complete the requirements to become a Registered Dietitian. We have 3 slots available for people who have completed a Master's Degree (or who will complete the Master's by May after they start the internship) and have a DPD Verification Statement. Sac State also has a Master's/DI option where students mainly complete academic classes during the first year of a 2-year program. During the second year the students become Dietetic Interns where they complete their supervised practice hours. We use DICAS for the application process and DnD Digital for computer matching. After interns complete their supervised practice and can provide a transcript that shows an earned Master's degree, the DI director will provide the intern with a DI Verification Statement and will submit their documentation to CDR so that they can arrange to take the RD exam.

Note: California does not have licensure for dietitians. If a graduate chooses to work in a state that has licensure, the DI Verification Statement can be used in their application to obtain a license in that state.

- e. **Estimated cost to students/interns:** Can be found in the DI Handbook. Note: The CSU hasn't established its tuition costs and fees for 2024-25, but did announce that there will be increases. **See DI Handbook** for more information.

f. **Application and admission requirements:** For the 2024-25 year for the DI only, and for the 2024-26 for the MS/DI Sac State uses DICAS and DnD Digital for Computer Matching. After applicants have been matched, they will apply to the Sac State Graduate School. This saves money for applicants because only those who match pay the University Application fee. See the program website for additional application information.

g. **Academic and program calendar or schedule:** Can be found in the DI Handbook.

h. **Graduation and program completion requirements:** Can be found in the DI Handbook.

i. **Availability of financial aid and loan deferments (federal or private), scholarships, stipends and other monetary support, if applicable.** Students enrolled in the DI only do not qualify for financial aid because they are not enrolled in a degree-granting program. Students who enroll in the MS/DI will qualify for financial aid. Interns can apply for scholarships, such as from the California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation and from some of the Academy Dietetic Practice groups. Currently the DI does not have any program-specific scholarships.

The DI Director will be happy to provide documentation for any intern who seeks deferment for any loan repayment because interns and MS/DI students are enrolled at Sac State full time during their programs.

j. **Guidance about distance education components, such as technology requirements:** The Sac State DI is offered in-person. Some preceptors work from home, so for those rotations an intern will meet throughout the day with the preceptor using Zoom, Teams, WebEx, or other such technology. Interns will need a computer with a webcam. Whenever there is a distance component interns must keep their webcams on so that they can be seen by the preceptor or director. There are other times when a guest speaker delivers their presentation on Zoom, or if an intern wants to participate in a Monday class day when they aren't feeling well (such as when they have Covid, a cold, or when a child is ill).

k. **Interns are NOT required to find preceptors.** We do require contracts for our rotations, so if an intern is interested in a site where we don't have a contract, the DI Director will explore establishing a new contract. Establishing new contracts does take several months, so the sooner an intern makes a request, the director will do her best to meet the request of the intern.

l. **Credit for Prior Learning:** The Sac State DI does not offer credit for prior learning. If an intern has significant experience in an area the DI director will talk with the intern about an alternate rotation location that will deepen and/or expand the learning experience for the intern.