

Internship Completion Requirements

Policy for Issuing an ACEND Verification Statement – Dietetic Internship Only

Upon completion of the ACEND-accredited UNLV Dietetic Internship, graduates receive a Verification Statement of internship completion which is required for eligibility to take the Commission on Dietetic Registration's (CDR) [dietetic registration exam](#). The exam must be passed to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) which also fulfills requirements in the [State of Nevada to become a Licensed Dietitian](#).

If the internship completion requirements are met, the DI Director will issue the final Verification Statement and will follow the procedures established by CDR for submitting and verifying eligibility for the dietetic registration exam.

Successful internship completion includes:

- 1) Having a DPD Verification Statement.
- 2) Having a graduate degree (MS or higher) from a regionally accredited college or university.
 - a. The college or university must be in the U.S. or its territories and accredited in good standing by a U.S. institutional accrediting body for higher education recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE).
 - b. The graduate degree must be in nutrition or a closely related field and must be approved prior to starting the internship.
 - c. The graduate degree must be completed by the time the student completes supervised practice.
- 3) Completing the minimum required supervised practice contact hours and earning at least a satisfactory rating on all competencies and student learning outcomes.
 - a. The DI supervised practice is 1,000 hours minimum. This equates to 26 weeks in length for full time interns, and 52 weeks in length for part time interns.
 - b. Students will be enrolled in the following graduate level 2-credit courses for supervised practice:
 - i. [NUTR 796: Supervised Practice: Community Nutrition and Dietetics](#)
 - ii. [NUTR 797: Supervised Practice: Food Service Management](#)
 - iii. [NUTR 798: Supervised Practice: Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics](#)
 - c. Students must complete the internship within 150% of the expected timeframe.
- 4) Completing an adequate learning portfolio and documenting meeting competency.
- 5) Completing the CDR demographic information.