**Dietetic Internship**

The Texas A&M University-Kingsville Dietetic Internship prepares entry-level Registered Dietitian Nutritionists for careers in a variety of health care settings including hospitals, health care agencies, government, food industries, wellness, restaurants, schools and private practice. Dietitians assist individuals in choosing food for adequate nutrition in health and disease throughout the life cycle. The Texas A&M University-Kingsville Dietetic Internship, supervise the preparation of students in completing dietetic practicum to serve their nutrition related community needs.

TAMUK offers accredited **Dietetic Internship (DI)** tracks to students to become professional **Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RD/RDN)**:

1. Ten-month non-degree Dietetic Internship, open only to graduates from accredited with Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) with DPD verification statement.

TAMUK’s Dietetic Internship program is currently accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), part of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND), 120 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, (800) 877-1600, ext 5400, <https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend>.

## **Mission**

The mission of Texas A&M University-Kingsville DI/MSHS is to develop graduates as entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists, well-rounded leaders, and critical thinkers who can provide nutrition education and medical nutrition therapy to solve nutrition related health problems in an ethnically and culturally diverse community.

## **Program Goals**

* 1. To prepare high-quality Registered Dietitian Nutritionists for employment in entry-level positions.
	2. To prepare entry-level Registered Dietitian Nutritionists who will develop and implement nutrition education interventions to enhance the health and wellness of individuals and the community.

	**Program outcomes data is available upon request.**

## **Program Option**

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|   | **Non-Degree Track** |
| Interns accepted | 15 |
| Eligible applicants | DPD graduates with DPD verification statement only |
| Program concentration | Clinical |
| Program location | Supervised practice at off-campus sites South Texas area  |
| Graduate Credits required | 6 |
| Hours of Supervised Practice | 1,200 |
| Anticipated time for completion | 10 months |
| Schedule for completion | Full-time supervised practice from mid-August to Middle of May **(See supervised schedule in DI manual)** |
| **Upon completion student receives...** | **Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics verification statement of DI completion** |
| Application deadline | February 15th |
| **Program Handbook** | **DI manual**  |
| D&D Digital matching number | 428 |

# Dietetic Internship (Non-degree Track)

The Texas A&M University-Kingsville Non-degree Dietetic Internship Track is a 10-month program for individuals who have completed at least a bachelor’s degree as well as the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) coursework requirements and have received verification statement from the DPD program director. The dietetic internship provides the supervised practice experience that is required to be eligible to take the registration examination for dietitians.

The Texas A&M University-Kingsville Non-degree Dietetic Internship program has a concentration in clinical to meet the competencies for entry-level practice as an R.D. The program requires completion of approximately 1200 hours (about 10 months full-time) of supervised practice experience.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

* Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university.
* Successful completion of the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD). Applicants must submit an original, signed DPD Verification Statement from accredited DPD program.
* A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale) as well as a minimum GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale) in DPD courses.
* Dietetics-related work and/or volunteer experience.
* GRE score >290 is a must have

## **Applying**

The Non-degree track of the TAMUK Dietetic Internship utilizes the online DICAS application system and D&D Digital computer matching DI application process.

* The program is using the [on-line centralized internship application](https://portal.dicas.org/), DICAS, e-mail DICASinfo@DICAS.org. **The on-line application must be completed by 11:59 pm Central Time on February 15th**. The fee to use DICAS is $45 for the first application submitted and $20 for each additional application.
* Official Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended should be sent to: DICAS - Transcript Dept., PO Box 9118, Watertown, MA, 02472.
* When completing the application form, applicants must include the name and contact information (specifically an e-mail address) for each reference. This will trigger an e-mail message requesting completion of a reference form. The form will be completed on-line. Students submitting more than one application will need to use the same individuals as references for each application.
* Applicants must also register online with [D&D Digital](http://www.dnddigital.com/) **for computer matching and select dietetic internship priority choices by 11:59 pm Central Time on February 15th**. There is a $50 computer matching fee.

## **Applicants Must**

* Provide an Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) Verification Statement or Declaration of Intent to Complete a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) submitted with the DICAS online application.
* Provide official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended showing a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (bachelor's degree must be completed before beginning internship in August) – submitted with the DICAS online application.
* Request 3 letters of recommendation - submitted with the DICAS online application.
* Provide a resume or curriculum vita - submitted with the DICAS online application.
* Provide a 1-2 page personal statement addressing the following:
1. Why do you want to enter the dietetics profession?
2. Describe the significant professional responsibilities you have held.
3. State your professional goals and reasons for desiring to enroll in this DI program.
4. Describe your strengths that will help you succeed in the program and in reaching your professional goals.
5. What other information do you consider important about yourself for the selection decision?

This personal statement should be submitted with the DICAS online application.

* If you are matched into the TAMUK Non-Degree Dietetic Internship, you must apply to become a degree graduate student at Texas A&M University and enroll in 6 credits of HSCI 5650, “Dietetic Practicum," in the fall semester and another 6 credits of HSCI 5650 in the spring semester.

For information about TAMUK Dietetic Internship costs, schedules, policies and procedures, please see the DI Manual.

## **General Information**

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| Openings in Non-Degree Dietetic Internship Track | 6 hours (HSCI 5352 & HSCI 5353) offered every JulyPlus 6 hours of Dietetic Practicum in the Fall and 6 hours in the Spring |
| Minimum GPA required | 3.0 |
| Ranking of importance for acceptance: | 1. GPA
2. GRE>290

3. Letter of Application (personal statement)4. Letters of Recommendation |

**Application process to Graduate school**

**Apply to graduate school**

Need to:

1. Go to [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)

2. Then go to apply online

3. Then fill out the application

4. Choose summer admission/Department of Biological and Medical Sciences

5. Application fee is $35

6. The school requires official transcripts from all schools you have attended. I do not share your transcripts with the school

7. GRE is required. TAMUK allow you to sign up for courses for one term before putting a hold on your following registration. Typically, students take the GRE during summer or now and they get it over with.

If you have any question please call Admission office 361-593-5509

For the Internship I need the following info before you are allowed to enter the rotation sites:

**I need the following:**

1. DICAS application

2. Fee for $75 pay to the order of TAMUK Dietetic Internship

3. Official transcript

4. Verification Statement (this is a must have) from your undergraduate program

5. Recommendation letters (three letters)

6. Cover letter and statement of purpose.

7. **Final official transcript stating that BS is conferred and the date on your transcript.**

**(once you get a BS, your school stamp date that you graduated month/day/year)**

8. You need to go through the matching process contact D&D digital. Their info is in the manual and brochure.

**Once you are in Kingsville:**

You need to take two classes before starting rotations.

One of the courses is A MUST. Typically students take one other class usually statistic. TAMUK graduate program accept up to six credit hours of graduate work to be transferred. The courses to be transferred will not substitute for any of the HSCI Nutrition care management courses. All nutrition courses will be and must be taken in Kingsville.

**Before allowed to start rotations, the following info must be in your file**

The folder should contain the following information

1. Vaccinations
	1. Health: A current letter from a physician stating that you are in good physical health is required.
	2. Interns will need a current TB test, PPD, MMR, rubella and varicella titers, and a Hepatitis B series (series of shots over six months). Interns are required to have a TB test and a 10-panel drug screen performed within 30 days of beginning their rotation there. The TB test can also be obtained at the Texas A&M University Kingsville Student Health Center (361) 593-2904 on campus. Copies of reports are to be provided to the internship director July 6th or earlier and to the hospital preceptors, as requested. Rubella & Hep. B series may also be available at the TAMUK clinic.
	3. **All immunizations must have confirmation date**
2. Health insurance

 Interns are required to obtain health insurance if coverage is not afforded by parents’ or spouse’s health insurance. Insurance can be obtained through Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

1. Mal practice insurance will be covered by TAMUK
2. Background check [www.mybackgroundcheck.com](http://www.mybackgroundcheck.com) (to validate your background history). You can take care of that now.

Codes: for the mybackground checks:

Your order code for background check is E2P67 ~ $ 69.95

Your order code for the drug test the code is B4P49 ~$ 35.95

**1-800-503-2364 Ext 131 Charlett**

1. Drug screening , [www.mybackgroundcheck.com](http://www.mybackgroundcheck.com) will set you up with drug screening. Don’t pay for drug screening until you are in Kingsville).
2. Valid driver license
3. Texas Food Handler permit [www.texasfoodhandler.com](http://www.texasfoodhandler.com)

For financial aid contact:

Ralph Perri (#361-593-2174); he is the director of the financial aid and very helpful.

You will go to rotation sites Monday through Thursday. Will see you in Kingsville every Friday

[**Financial Aid** | Texas A&M University Kingsville](https://www.tamuk.edu/enrollment-management/finaid/index.html)

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[**Financial Aid** Staff | Texas A&M University Kingsville](https://www.tamuk.edu/enrollment-management/finaid/contact-us/financial-aid-staff.html)

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https://www.tamuk.edu/enrollment-management/fin**aid**/.../forms.html

FAX: 361-593-3026. If you have questions concerning completion of these forms, please contact us at 361-593-5372 or email **financial**.**aid**@tamuk.edu ...

[**Financial Aid** Eligibility | Texas A&M University Kingsville](http://www.tamuk.edu/enrollment-management/finaid/students/APPLICATION-PROCESS/financial-aid-eligibility.html)

www.tamuk.edu/enrollment.../fin**aid**/students/.../**financial**-**aid**-eligibility.html

[**Financial Aid** Advisors | Texas A&M University Kingsville](https://www.tamuk.edu/enrollment-management/finaid/contact-us/index.html)

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[index | Texas A&M University Kingsville](https://www.tamuk.edu/grad/admissions/index.html)

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[**Financial Aid** Revision Request](http://www.tamuk.edu/enrollment-management/finaid/_docs_FINANCIALAID/1920/1920-Financial-Aid-Revision-Request.pdf)

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[Summer **Aid**](https://www.tamuk.edu/enrollment-management/finaid/resources/summer-aid.html)

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You are meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress to receive **financial aid**. ... For questions please contact us at: 361-593-5372 or **financial**.**aid**@tamuk.edu ...

[Online **Financial Aid** Status | Texas A&M University Kingsville](https://www.tamuk.edu/enrollment-management/finaid/resources/financial-aid-status.html)

https://www.tamuk.edu/enrollment.../fin**aid**/resources/**financial**-**aid**-status.html

[Apply for **Financial Aid** | Texas A&M University Kingsville](https://www.tamuk.edu/enrollment-management/finaid/students/application-process/index.html)

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**Holidays and the working schedule**

Fall schedule for practicum rotations start August 12th through December 19th. The work schedule usually is from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and a 30 minutes lunch break. Students do have Thanksgiving break November 28th and 29th. Work resumes the following Monday at 8:00 AM.

Christmas break is from December 20th to January 5th.

Spring schedule is from January 6th through May 14th.