## Lipscomb's Dietetic Internship

# A well-balanced program for your career in nutrition.



Lipscomb's dietetic internship allows students to compete for their first jobs with the experience, learning and preparation of a fully accredited program on their resume. But there are a few other important advantages at Lipscomb.



#### The Lipscomb competitive edge.

First, this program offers the following options for concentration experiences: medical nutrition therapy, sports nutrition or health promotion and wellness.

Second, interns complete 12 required hours of graduate study within the Certificate Program. Students earn this graduate credit, generally valid for six years, without having to commit to a graduate degree at this point in their career.

These advantages alone offer a distinctive competitive edge for graduates. But Lipscomb offers one more layer of preparation. Successful candidates are mentored and guided by faculty members who have not only dedicated their lives to dietetics, but also to integrating faith, values and community involvement into the dietetics professional skill set.

The result is a program that not only readies its candidates for a career they love, but also for a leadership role in their profession, their families and their communities.

#### A comprehensive program.

Lipscomb's dietetic internship is fully accredited by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and includes 1,220 hours of supervised professional experience from August to May.

Throughout the program, interns are supervised by, and have one-on-one access to, a full-time, on-campus, experienced registered dietitian whose responsibility is to ensure a quality experience for each participant.

To further prepare the interns to sit for the registration examination, the internship includes an RD Review Course conducted on campus in May.

Plus, 12 hours of graduate-level course work completed within the Dietetic Internship Certificate can be applied toward a Master of Science degree at Lipscomb. The Lipscomb internship program is not only comprehensive, but will also give you a competitive edge. The program offers concentrations in medical nurition therapy, sports nutrition, or health promotion and wellness.

#### **Outstanding placements.**

Lipscomb interns complete their supervised practice in multiple settings including clinical, community and food service dietetics. Participating in-patient and out-patient rotations include the following outstanding hospital and healthcare facilities: Saint Thomas West, Saint Thomas Midtown, St. Thomas Rutherford, TriStar Southern Hills, TriStar Centennial, Maury Regional, Williamson Medical, Tennova Healthcare, Veteran's Administration, Sumner Regional, Vanderbilt Stallworth, Woodcrest at The Blakeford, Somerfield Health Center at The Heritage, Tennessee Health Management, Life Care Center of Hickory Woods, Fresenius and DCI clinics, Onlife Health, Renfrew, Journey Pure, The Ranch, and Centennial Center for Obesity.



#### Community involvement.

Lipscomb has been recognized nationally for its service-learning teaching methodology; that is, we do not limit learning to the campus but use our community as a classroom and an opportunity for service.

This mindset is a part of the dietetic internship experience as well. Students will be involved in community rotations at Second Harvest Food Bank; Women, Infants and Children services; YMCA Wellness; Lipscomb Wellness; Friends Life Community and school nutrition rotations.



### Admission requirements.

To be considered for one of Lipscomb's dietetic internships, a candidate must have a:

- Minimum DPD GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Verification statement and excellent reference from DPD director of an ACENDaccredited undergraduate program in dietetics
- Transcript showing related nutrition course work has been completed within the last five years
- Cumulative GRE score of 300 (excluding writing score)
- Complete DICAS application
- Complete Lipscomb Supplemental application

#### Selection process.

Go to **lipscomb.edu/nutrition/application-process** for instructions concerning the spring match. Lipscomb will participate in the DICAS computer application system with a deadline of Feb. 15. This process also involves registration with D&D Digital at www.dnddigital.com/ada/ and a Lipscomb supplemental application.

A selection committee will review all applications and set up personal interviews in March.

#### Priceless experience at a competitive cost.

As you consider the cost of your internship, this worksheet may be helpful:

Application fee \$35
Graduate Tuition (12 hours)\$11,820*
Internship Fee\$3,500
Housing\$(No on-campus housing is available; the Lipscomb housing office can provide some assistance.)
<b>Transportation</b> (car, gas)\$
Computer/Printer/Scanner/Books\$\$
Professional Wear
<b>Registration examination preparation course</b>
Annual Tennessee Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics Conference & Expo \$50 (Estimate includes food and discretionary items for two days. Transportation,

lodging, and registration included in university internship fees.)

\* An option of three graduate credits for an elective Special Topics Food and Culture Travel Course is available to eligible interns during Maymester at an additional cost at graduate hourly rate and any applicable fees.

#### For more information...

Go to the Special Programs page under lipscomb.edu/nutrition. Or contact Anne Lowery, MS, RDN, LDN, at anne.lowery@lipscomb.edu; 615.966.5746 or 800.333.4358 ext. 5746.

For complete details on program goals, measurements and other ACEND-required information, go to lipscomb.edu/nutrition.

#### Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

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