PREPARE TO PRECEPT

Designing Awesome Dietetic Intern Experiences

PURPOSE: Dietetic internships should be designed to produce entry-level practitioners, provide a learning environment for dietetic interns to perform basic skills and safe and effective treatment, and to become autonomous by the end of their internship.

BEFORE ROTATION:

ARE YOU PREPARED?
Ask for details on the rotation requirements for activities and evaluations.

Be confident you will offer a valuable experience.

Want to enhance your preceptor skills? Check out ACEND's Free Preceptor Training Program (8 CPEUs)

COMPETENCY CHECK
What competencies need to be met?

What projects and experiences can be offered to fulfill these competencies?

ORIENTATION MATERIALS
Include all information the intern will need to:
- Understand where they fit within the program’s mission, goals, organizational chart.
- Use established policies and procedures to execute their assigned responsibilities.
- Access and contact all necessary spaces and people.
- Understand how and when they will be evaluated.

APPROXIMATELY

30%

of students do not match to a dietetic internship program. One of the top reasons DI program directors cannot accept more interns is due to preceptor shortage.

Reach out to a DI director in your area and offer to precept!

DURING THE ROTATION:

CHECK-IN
Schedule regular meetings to teach, mentor, and assess progress towards meeting competencies.

Encourage intern to identify their own areas for growth and offer appropriate resources.