



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)



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.

COMPETENCY CHECK



What competencies need to be met?

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

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!

PRE-ROTATION CALL

Schedule a pre-internship call to ensure the intern has info they need for the first day:

- Directions and meeting location
- Parking instructions
- Dress code
- Resources to bring



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.

