

Orientation

Internship orientation will take place at the beginning of the internship program. Orientation will be held for five (5) days. Orientation competencies and learning activities will be addressed (refer to Orientation Competencies included in this section). The PDI intern manual, including internship policy and procedures will be reviewed during the orientation. During orientation the intern will receive an overview of the Department of Health and Senior Services (included in this section) as well as the various areas for supervised practice. Interns also will complete a public health self-assessment (included in this section) and begin exploring various learning styles and personality types and theories that they will be observing and applying throughout the internship. An orientation checklist will be completed at the end of this session (included in this section).

Interns are required to follow the Code of Ethics for the Profession of Dietetics at all times. The Code of Ethics may be found at <http://www.eatright.org/codeofethics/>.

Additionally, dietetic interns as well as dietetic intern graduates who are not credentialed by CDR as a RD/RDN or DTR are not to use the terms RDE, RD Eligible, Registered Dietitian Eligible, DTRE, DTR Eligible or Dietetic Technician, Registered, or RD/RDN/DTR prior to passing the CDR Exam. The form with additional information regarding this may be located at <https://www.cdrnet.org/vault/2459/web/files/rdmisusestudent.pdf>

Additional topics that will be discussed include 'Tips for success during supervised practice', WIC Works and DHSS office attire policy (all included in this section). Also covered are research methods and tools available through DHSS.

The weekly time log will be reviewed and the request form for time off will be discussed. Both are included in this section.

Rotation-specific orientation will take place before each rotation begins. Rotation-specific orientation will be included as part of scheduled didactic classes. The PDI rotation curriculum and evaluation process will be reviewed during these sessions. During rotation-specific orientation the intern will be provided with an overview and introduction to specific clinical, community, and food service skills which will be required of the student in rotation site supervised practice.