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Policies and Procedures  
for  
Dietetic Internship Track**

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Admission Requirements (7.1)</b>
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1. All interns admitted to the Sodexo Dietetic Internship must have completed a graduate degree and a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) accredited by the Accreditation Council for the Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) and present a signed Verification Statement from the DPD Director.
2. Applicants will be reviewed using a standardized score sheet. The selection committee scores all aspects of the DICAS application, including grades, work/volunteer experience, personal statement, and recommendations.
  - a. Although not required, most successful candidates who match to our program have dietetics/food service-related work experience and have a GPA of  $\geq 3.0$ .
3. The selection committee will interview applicants whose screened applications meet the interview criteria.
4. The selection committee will meet to discuss interviewed candidates and establish final rankings to be submitted to D&D Digital.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Affiliation and Site Agreements (6.1 A)</b>
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1. Affiliation agreements are obtained for all clinical sites that request them. The facility's template or Sodexo's template may be used, based on the preference of the facility.
  - a. Agreements are reviewed by both legal departments and signed by authorized individuals
  - b. Affiliation agreements are kept on file with the facility, Sodexo Legal Department, and the internship
2. Affiliation agreements are not required by internship food service management sites, as this rotation takes place in a Sodexo department.
3. Site agreements are required for any community, long-term care, or specialty rotation (previously, concentration) site not covered by #1 or 2 above, for rotations of 17 hours or longer.
  - a. The intern will provide a site agreement form to the preceptor at the facility.
  - b. The intern will also provide the preceptor with a [link](#) to submit their preceptor qualifications and to attach their resume and the completed site agreement form.
  - c. If a facility requires a legal agreement, procedure #1 will be followed.
  - d. Site agreements will be kept on file with the internship.
  - e. The intern will also provide the preceptor with the application rotation activity and evaluation form (RAEF) to be used in planning the rotation and in evaluating the intern's performance.
  - f. The preceptor and other qualified personnel will have access to the preceptor website.
4. When a new supervised practice site is needed, the Director for the applicable region will contact the Sodexo Regional Nutrition Manager, Regional Vice President and/or Client Executive to determine appropriate facilities. The Director for the applicable region will contact the on-site manager to determine if the required competencies can be achieved.
5. A database is maintained for all affiliation agreements. Agreements are renewed/updated as needed.
6. Within 2 weeks of starting the clinical and food service management rotations, the primary preceptor and intern will be contacted by the intern's faculty advisor to evaluate the adequacy and appropriateness of the facility to meet the learning objectives.
7. Interns receive and provide feedback regarding a supervised practice site on each Rotation Activity and Evaluation Form.
8. Interns complete an end of program survey prior to graduation that requests feedback on the interns' experience with the preceptors. This feedback is used to update preceptor training and to inform decisions about the future use of selected supervised practice sites.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Application, Preselect Option and Specialty Rotation Request Process</b>
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1. Prospective interns, including those who participate in the preselect process, will apply to the Sodexo Dietetic Internship through Dietetic Internship Centralized Application Services (DICAS). Information requested in DICAS include regions which they are applying to, other preferences for geographic location and specialty rotation interest.
2. Applicants will also indicate the region(s) to which they are applying in rank order, using D&D Digital. All regions participate in the spring match. Selected regions also participate in the fall match.
3. Applicants will use the Sodexo Payment Portal to pay the application fee.
4. Applications will be assigned to the region(s) that the applicant has listed on the DICAS application. Faculty from each region will independently review and rank applicants, using the standardized scoring template. The highest ranked applicants will be interviewed and submitted to D&D digital for matching in rank order.
5. Preselect process: Applicants who are students of the University of Georgia, employed by Sodexo or a Sodexo client and supervised by a Sodexo manager employee can apply to participate in the preselect application process. These applicants must apply through DICAS and submit the application fee by the due dates specified on the website. Preselect applicants must also inform the National Internship Director of their intent to apply to participate in the preselect application process. Preselect applicants will be informed of the status of their application prior to the deadline for submitting applications to other Internships through DICAS.
6. Individuals without a graduate degree must apply to the University of Rhode Island/Sodexo Future Education Graduate Model on DICAS. Applicants to the Graduate Program will not participate in the D and D Digital Match.
7. For specialty rotations with limited availability, the Director for the Region will determine which interns will be assigned to that specialty rotation. Interns will be given the choice of alternate specialty rotations or may choose the Leadership specialty rotation and design an individualized learning experience for it.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

Policy	Application to the Future Education Model Graduate Program
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1. Applicants interested in the Future Education Model Graduate Program will apply to this program in DICAS.
2. Additional information regarding the application process can be found on the website for the [University of Rhode Island – Sodexo Graduate Program](#).

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

Policy	Assignments and Deadlines
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1. Interns are required to complete assignments designed to support the learning in each rotation. Instructions for each assignment are located on the password protected, intern website.
2. Assignments will be discussed and explained in detail during orientation. Interns will have access to an assignment checklist with due dates.
3. It is expected that interns will complete assignments by the stated deadlines. Interns will not be able to continue with rotation hours if assignments have not been turned in to the internship faculty reviewer by the established or renegotiated deadline as described below.
4. If an intern is unable to submit an assignment by the deadline date for a legitimate reason (i.e. illness, family, or work emergency), the intern will discuss the matter with the internship faculty and negotiate an alternative deadline.
5. If an intern fails to submit assignments by the deadline date without renegotiating a submission date with the internship faculty, the intern's hours will be suspended until the assignments are submitted to the satisfaction of the reviewer.
6. If the intern continues to fail to submit satisfactorily completed assignments during a suspension period, the intern will be placed on a Performance Plan as outlined in the Intern Retention and Remediation Policy.
7. The internship faculty will review and return assignments to interns within 2 weeks of receipt of the assignments from the intern with the following exceptions:
  - a. During the application review periods
  - b. Received after the deadline
  - c. One week prior to and during orientation of the next class
8. If portions of an assignment are incorrect or not at an acceptable professional level, the internship faculty member responsible for reviewing the assignment will indicate the specific portions of the assignment that need to be revised. Plagiarism is not acceptable—refer to the Intern Retention and Remediation policy. All revisions must be completed before completion of the program.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Attendance, Absenteeism, Tardiness, Tracking of Supervised Practice Hours (8.1 C)</b>
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The program is designed so that each successive practice experience builds on those before. Therefore, attendance is an important factor in the provision of a high-quality program.

### **Attendance:**

1. Interns are expected to attend all days of orientation, all scheduled rotation days, classes, meetings, and any other supervised practice related events.
2. Interns are expected to arrive at the rotation site ready to begin the learning experience at the scheduled time.
  - a. Schedules will vary from rotation to rotation and facility to facility. Interns are expected to follow the policies of the facility regarding their internship rotations.
  - b. Some webinars and chats are considered didactic hours in addition to the supervised practice hours.
  - c. Preparation, travel, and study times are not considered supervised practice hours.

### **Absences:**

1. If an intern is ill and unable to attend, the intern will notify the rotation preceptor and DI Region Director or advisor. All required hours in each rotation must be completed before passing the rotation.
2. Interns are expected to report to rotations during inclement weather. However, the intern should not jeopardize the intern's safety and should use best judgment. If an intern is unable to report to the scheduled rotation site due to inclement weather the intern will notify the preceptor and DI Region Director.
3. Excessive absences will require extension of the program and may lead to disciplinary action or dismissal from the Program. See: Intern Retention and Remediation Policy.
4. If an intern needs to be absent for more than 2 weeks for medical or personal reasons, the Leave of Absence Policy will be followed.

### **Tardiness:**

1. Interns are expected to be on time for all scheduled program activities. The rotation preceptor will determine what constitutes excessive tardiness and will communicate this to the DI Region Director. Repeated tardiness may result in disciplinary action, which may be the development of a performance plan, and may lead to termination from the internship.
2. An intern is considered to be tardy when the intern is not ready to begin the learning experience at the scheduled start time.

**Tracking of Supervised Practice Hours:**

1. Interns will record hours weekly on a document developed, shared and monitored by the DI Region Directors and advisors.
2. Interns will be given a rotation schedule for all rotations. Site preceptors will monitor attendance and report any issues to the DI Region Director.
3. Interns must complete the required number of hours, in addition to assignments and competencies in order to be considered for graduation.

**Program Completion:**

It is expected that Program requirements will be completed within fourteen (14) months of the Program start date. Continuation in the program after that time will result in a continuation fee, equal to 1/12<sup>th</sup> of the current tuition, to be paid each month until the intern has completed the program requirements. Failure to complete program requirements within two (2) years of the start date will result in automatic termination unless a specific alternative plan is agreed upon among the Intern, the DI Region Director and the National Internship Director.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

Policy	Communication with Applicants to the Dietetic Internship
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1. An application review and selection committee consisting of the DI Region Directors, associate directors, and other qualified individuals will review applications to the Sodexo Dietetic Internship.
2. The selection committee **will not communicate** information about ranking or selection status to applicants during the application process, from the day DICAS opens until the match. In response to requests about application status, the Selection committee members will inform applicants that all communications, regarding results of the application and appointment process, will come from D&D on the established notification dates during the Spring and Fall match times.
3. Applicants for the preselect slots will be informed of the status of their applications on or before the due dates specified by ACEND, which is prior to the DICAS application deadline for applying to other programs.
4. After Notification or Appointment Day, the DI Region Directors will confirm receipt of confirmation from matched applicants.
5. If there are openings in an internship region, during Phase 2 the match, the DI Region Director will contact and invite qualified applicants from their original list of applicants who did not match, to participate in the Internship for that Region.
6. The selection committee will review the status of open positions for all regions after contacting qualified applicants who did not initially match to Sodexo Dietetic Internship. If openings still exist in an internship region, the committee will decide on participation in Phase 2 of the match, by inviting applicants who had not originally applied to the Internship, to apply.
7. The DI Region Directors will **not** discuss open positions with potential applicants or DPD directors until the programs with open positions are posted on the D&D Digital Web site.
8. The DI Region Directors will only review applications from unmatched candidates. This is to ensure that DI Region Directors are not communicating with individuals who are already matched.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

Policy	Community Rotation Procedure
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It is the responsibility of each dietetic intern to arrange his or her community rotations and to assure that all community competencies are met as outlined on the rotation activity and evaluation form (RAEF) for the community rotation.

1. The intern will contact the preceptor at each selected site and arrange a time to review the competencies that can be met at that site. Required competencies are outlined on the RAEF. Most competencies need only be met once, even if the intern repeats the activity at more than one location.
2. Appropriateness of the community site:  
The following criteria must be met for the site to be appropriate:
  - a. **Site**
    - i. The site must have the resources and learning opportunities available for the intern to meet the specific competencies designated for the site.
    - ii. The site must have adequate resources to provide support to the intern's learning process.
  - b. **Preceptor**
    - i. The preceptor must have the training, necessary skills, and time to be able to observe and evaluate the intern's performance of the specific competencies designated for the site.
  - c. **Site Agreement**
    - i. For sites where an intern will be interning for greater than 16 hours, an intern must arrange for the preceptor to submit a signed site agreement and preceptor resume or qualification form to Smartsheet from each location.
    - ii. The Site Agreement and Preceptor Resume or Qualification Form will be kept on file and the facility will be added to the community site data base.
3. One Community Rotation Activities and Evaluation Form will be used throughout the community rotation, regardless of the number of sites that are used by the intern during the community rotation.
4. Before the end of the rotation at each facility, the intern will meet with the preceptor to complete the designated section of the evaluation. The preceptor will initial and score any competencies met at that site on the RAEF and sign the final page of the form. If the intern completes activities that are not listed on the RAEF, they may be described in the comment section of the RAEF.
5. The intern will submit the signed RAEF to the learning management system within 2 weeks of completing the community rotation.
6. The Director of the Region will review and sign the Form and return the signed evaluation form via the learning management system.

7. It is the intern's responsibility to ensure that all competencies are met in at least one of the community sites. If the intern encounters problems meeting any of the competencies, the intern will contact the internship faculty to determine alternate learning activities to meet the competency.
  
8. The intern will complete all information for each site on the Community RAEF including:
  - a. Location name and address
  - b. Primary preceptor name and contact information
  - c. Total number of internship hours completed at the site
  - d. Information about seminars attended

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Complaints to ACEND about Program (8.2 H)</b>
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1. Any individual, for example, student, faculty, nutrition, and dietetics practitioner and/or member of the public may submit a complaint against any accredited program to Accreditation Council for the Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). However, the ACEND board does not intervene on behalf of individuals or act as a court of appeal for individuals in matters of admissions, appointment, promotion or dismissal of faculty or students. It acts only upon a signed allegation that the program may not be in compliance with the accreditation standards or policies. The complaint must be signed by the complainant. Anonymous complaints are not considered.
2. ACEND staff forwards all written complaints to the ACEND chair within three weeks of receipt of the complaint. If the complainant requests to remain confidential to the program, the complainant must also provide a written copy of the complaint where identifying information is blocked out.
3. If the ACEND chair determines that the complaint does not relate to the accreditation standards or policies, the complainant is notified in writing within two weeks of the chair's review that no further action will be taken.
4. If the ACEND chair determines that the complaint may relate to the accreditation standards or policies, the complaint is acknowledged in writing within two weeks of the chair's review and the complainant is provided a copy of the process for handling the complaint.
5. At the same time as the complainant is notified, the complaint is forwarded to the program electronically. The administrative officers of the institution or organization sponsoring the program, currently on file with ACEND, receive copies of the correspondence via email.
6. The ACEND chair requests the program to conduct a preliminary investigation and submit a report addressing the relevant accreditation standards or policies submitted electronically no more than 30 calendar days from receipt of the notification.
7. The ACEND chair may also request further information or materials relating to the complaint from the complainant, the institution, or other sources.
8. The ACEND staff appoints a review committee to consider the complaint, along with all relevant information. The review committee recommends appropriate action to the ACEND board at its next scheduled meeting.
9. In determining the appropriate action, the ACEND board considers the complaint, materials relating to the complaint, the review committee's recommendation, if any, and any additional evidence provided by the program.
10. The ACEND board or the ACEND chair may determine that legal counsel is needed to address the complaint. Staff works with the ACEND board and legal counsel to identify a plan to address the complaint.

11. If the complaint is determined to be unsubstantiated or not related to the accreditation standards or policies, no action is taken.
12. If the complaint is substantiated and indicates that the program may not be in compliance with the accreditation standards or policies, appropriate action is taken, which may include, but is not limited to, the ACEND board placing the program on probation or withdrawing of accreditation or scheduling an on-site visit at the program's expense.
13. The program director and administration of the sponsoring institution are notified of the ACEND board's decision and action via email within two weeks of the decision. The complainant is notified of the final decision via email within two weeks of the final decision.
14. Decisions related to a complaint review are not subject to an appeal by the complainant or buy the program; however, in the event the program is placed on probation or accreditation is withdrawn, the program has the right to request the ACEND board to reconsider the decision. (See the Requests for Reconsideration of ACEND Board Decisions Section 2.8)

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

Policy

Confidentiality Agreement

**The follow confidentiality agreement will be signed by all interns and students before starting the internship:**

I understand that I must hold in strict confidence all information relating to Sodexo, all rotation facilities and their respective patients, clients, employees, interns, students, volunteers, and contract personnel. I understand I have a legal and ethical responsibility to prevent access to and disclosure of confidential patient, client, employee, intern, student, volunteer, contract personnel and non-public institutional information without proper authorization or for unauthorized purposes.

I understand that information classified as confidential includes all medical, personal, or other information about a patient, client, employee, intern, student, volunteer, or contract personnel, as well as non-public information about Sodexo and all rotation facilities. This information includes, but it not limited to:

- Diagnostic/procedural/test data
- Appointment information
- Notes, letters, reports concerning the examination, treatment and observation of patients/clients
- Conversations or educational discussions with or about patients and/or employees
- Written correspondence and fax, e-mail, or other electronic communication
- Observations of patients/clients and/or employees
- Demographic data, i.e. address, age, telephone number, employer, etc.
- Insurance information
- Administrative and financial data
- Salary, salary history and employment records of all current or former employees
- Sodexo proprietary information, including but not limited to information on Sodexonet.

I understand that I may access only that information which is necessary to perform my job. I understand that I do not have the right, apart from performing my duties, to access confidential information of any patient, employee, intern, student, volunteer, or contract personnel, including my spouse, other family members, co-workers or friends, without written authorization by those individuals. If my duties require that I access the confidential information of people known to me, I will not discuss my knowledge of the information with those people.

**I understand that any violation of confidentiality as represented by this Confidentiality Statement, whether intentional or not, may result in disciplinary action, up to and including immediate termination from the program. I may also be subject to civil and/or criminal penalties.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_





## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

Policy	COVID-19 Safety Measures
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This policy is based on Sodexo’s Policies on Employee COVID-19 Safety Measures, Vaccination and Masks which applies to dietetic interns admitted to the Sodexo Dietetic Internship.

Health and Safety is an integral part of Sodexo’s mission to improve Quality of Life. Interns are expected to integrate Health and Safety into everything they do to minimize risk to employees, patients, clients, and customers. The internship is committed to providing supervised practice conditions that are safe and healthy.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread from person to person, mainly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Spread is more likely when people are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet). People are thought to be most contagious when they are symptomatic. The Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) recommends symptomatic individuals be isolated until they are better and no longer pose a risk of infecting others.

Vaccination is a vital tool to reduce the presence and severity of COVID-19 cases in the workplace and in the communities that Sodexo serves. It is also a federal requirement for employees in hospitals, long-term **care and other** facilities regulated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”).

Interns who are unable to or do not wish to complete in-person experiential learning during the pandemic are eligible to postpone those experiences without academic penalty; however, there shall be an understanding that equivalent experiences may be required for progression in the program, that the originally planned experiences may not be available at a later date, and that postponement of any experiential learning may result in delayed program completion.

To protect interns, employees, patients, clients and customers, Sodexo Dietetic Internship has established the following safety measures. This policy applies absent additional requirements from clients or the law. We need all our interns to commit to these practices for their own health and the health of those around them.

### 1. Vaccinations

**All interns are required to be vaccinated prior to orientation.** Interns may request an exception from this mandatory vaccination policy if the vaccine is medically contraindicated for them or medical necessity requires a delay in vaccination. Interns also may be entitled to a reasonable accommodation if they cannot be vaccinated because of a disability, or if the provisions in this policy for vaccination conflict with a sincerely held religious belief, practice, or observance.

***Requests for medical exceptions or delays and reasonable accommodations must be initiated by the intern and approved by the supervised practice sites that the intern is assigned to.***

## 2. Intern Health Monitoring

All interns are required to follow the process on the attached checklist and monitor their own health prior to starting work each day to verify they have no COVID-19 symptoms. In addition, interns must determine whether they have had close, prolonged contact with someone (such as a household member) in the past 14 days who has these symptoms and/or a COVID-19 diagnosis. COVID-19 symptoms include:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

This list does not include all possible symptoms. Other less common symptoms may include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. The CDC updates possible symptoms as more information about the virus becomes available. The most current information can be found at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

## 3. In-Person Experiential Learning

- I. Interns must meet the following requirements prior to any in-person experiential learning:
  - a) Complete all training required by the supervised practice sites.
  - b) Avoid close contact with anyone who has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19. A person is still considered a [close contact](#) even if they were wearing a mask while they were less than six feet from someone with COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
  - c) Be free of all [symptoms associated with COVID-19](#), including but not limited to fever, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath.
- II. Interns must inform their DI Region Director if requirements b) and c) above are not met and must self-isolate for a minimum of 5 days before beginning any in-person experiential learning. If any symptoms of COVID-19 appear during this self-isolation, the intern is encouraged to contact a healthcare provider to determine if diagnostic testing is recommended.
- III. Interns must follow policies and procedures set forth by the assigned practice sites to reduce personal exposure and spread of the virus. These may include, but are not limited to:
  - a) Wearing PPE such as surgical masks and gloves. Interns are responsible for purchasing the PPE required by the supervised practice site.
  - b) Answering questions and/or participating in screening related to virus exposure and symptoms.
  - c) Being tested for COVID-19.
- IV. Immediately alert the DI Region Director of any [symptoms](#) associated with COVID-19.

## 4. Presence of Symptoms of COVID-19 or Diagnosis of COVID-19

- I. Interns with symptoms or diagnosis of COVID-19 may not begin in-person experiential learning until:
  - a) They have completed 5 days of “isolation”
  - b) They have been fever-free for at least 24 hours (without fever-reducing medications), and
  - c) Symptoms are resolving after 5 days. If asymptomatic, but then develop symptoms, 5-day isolation period should start over from first day of symptoms.

- II. The intern must provide proof of medical clearance before beginning the supervised experience, if required by the client or local law.

**5. Additional Infection Control Behaviors**

- I. Interns must follow these additional infection control behaviors to reduce the risk of contracting or spreading the COVID-19 virus.
  - a) Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Hand washing must occur before handling of food or food products or eating.
  - b) Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
  - c) Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
  - d) Stay home, if sick.
  - e) Cover cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
  - f) Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

**6. Record Keeping/Confidentiality**

- I. Any written medical information obtained from interns, including any information about COVID-19 symptoms or diagnosis, will be maintained as a confidential medical record in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”).
- II. We will not ask an intern about COVID-19 symptoms in front of other individuals in compliance with the ADA and general privacy requirements.

**7. Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Related to COVID-19**

- I. All interns will review and sign the Statement of Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Related to COVID-19 (See below).
- II. The signed statements will be forwarded to the Internship Director who will maintain these statements as part of the intern file.

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**Interns to Keep at Home for Reference  
COVID-19 Safety Measures**

**Intern Health Monitoring Checklist**

Sodexo's top priority is the health, safety and well-being of our interns, patients, clients, and customers. While participating in the Sodexo Dietetic Internship, I will follow Sodexo's COVID-19 related requirements below.

- Follow state, local or unit-specific protection requirements, such as the use of face coverings, and any additional screening that may be required at my unit/office.
- Wash my hands frequently throughout the day.
- Perform daily health-monitoring before coming to work and ask myself the following questions:

**Do I feel sick?**

**Have I had any symptoms of COVID-19 or a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?**

- The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell.

**Have I had close, prolonged contact with someone (such as a household member) in the past 14 days with symptoms of COVID-19 or a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19?**

**If you have answered Yes to any of these questions, you should not enter the supervised practice site. Please contact your preceptor and your internship advisor to discuss next steps.**

## **Statement of Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Related to COVID-19**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. Sodexo Dietetic Internship has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in its rotations; however, the dietetic internship cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, participation could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in supervised experiential learning and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with participation in supervised experiential learning (“Claims”). On my behalf, and on behalf of all assignees, heirs, executors, administrators, and personal representatives, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless Sodexo Dietetic Internship, Sodexo, and all respective employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the released entities, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Sodexo Dietetic Internship program.

**Intern/Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Intern/Student Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_



## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

Policy	Credit for Work Experience (8.2 I)
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Credit for past and current work experience may be granted, at the discretion of the internship faculty, only under the following circumstances. There is no guarantee that internship hours will be waived.

### 1. Work Experience Prior to the Internship

1. Interns who have completed at least one year of full-time paid Food Service Management or Community Nutrition work experience in the United States, may be eligible to have some work-related competencies waived and hours credited toward the internship.
2. For interns described above, the following criteria must be met:
  - a. The intern must submit a formal request within 2 months of acceptance to the internship program. The request will include an Application for Credit for Work Experience and supporting documentation. An internship committee in collaboration with the intern's DI Region Director will determine if the intern is eligible to be considered to have hours waived. The DI Region Director will inform the intern of the outcome of the application and will make the necessary adjustments to the intern's schedule if the application is approved.
  - b. The formal request for Credit for Work Experience includes:
    - I. A completed [Application for Credit for Work Experience](#)
    - II. An Inventory of Competencies from Prior Work Experience (*obtain inventory form from DI or SEL Director*) that describes:
      - Competencies interns believe they met during their prior work experience
      - How these competencies were met —include work product or other tangible proof
      - Date and location where competencies were met
      - Signature from work supervisor validating that the competencies were met during the intern's employment
    - III. Current resume, validating full-time paid Food Service Management or Community Nutrition work experience.
  - c. Competencies requested must be significant enough that no fewer than 96 hours will be waived.
  - d. Work must be equivalent or superior to supervised practice activities required by the internship.
  - e. A maximum of 160 internship hours per rotation will be waived.

### 2. Work Experience during the Internship

1. If an intern continues to work during the internship, any part of this work that meets the competencies of the program may be accepted, provided ALL the following terms are met:

- a. There is an appropriate supervisor available who can verify attainment of the competencies. The supervisor will be responsible for verifying on the RAEF that the intern has met the expectations of all the competencies and for completing the appropriate Rotation Activities and Evaluation Form. All competencies of the rotation must be achieved by the intern.
  - I. Work must be equivalent or superior to supervised practice activities required by the internship
  - II. Intern must turn in all required assignments for the rotation to the internship faculty
3. All Sodexo Dietetic Internship competencies and assignments must be met either through prior achievement or during the internship before graduation from the internship.
4. Hours in a rotation may be extended until competencies have been met, if necessary.
5. If assignments indicate that competency has not been achieved, supervised practice hours will be required to meet these competencies.
6. "Credit" pertains to internship hours only. Tuition credit will not be given.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

Policy	Deferment Policy
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Under certain circumstances, once an intern has been matched, a one-year deferment to the following year's internship class may be granted. Deferment beyond the following year will not be granted. These circumstances include illness, injury, or family circumstances. Once an intern has decided to defer, the intern will not be eligible to rejoin the class either prior to orientation, or mid-year. The deferment will be granted at the discretion of the DI Region Director.

### **Deferment at matching:**

If an intern is matched to the Sodexo Dietetic Internship, and is unable to accept the match because of illness, injury or family circumstances, the intern will be granted deferment to the following class without having to reapply if the following conditions are met:

1. The intern pays the initial nonrefundable deposit before the ranked list is sent in for the following year
2. All requirements for admission to the internship continue to be met such as graduation from an ACEND approved program, obtaining a DPD verification, and other documents are updated and in effect.
3. All fees and tuition for the following year's class will apply to the deferred intern, unless tuition is paid in full at the time of the deferment. In that case, the current year's tuition will be charged.

### **Deferment from matching until one week before program start**

If an intern is unable to participate in the internship because of illness, injury, or family circumstances between accepting the match and thirty (30) days before the start of Internship Orientation, the intern may choose one of the following options:

1. The interns may pay the remainder of the tuition and defer the start date until the following year. The current year's tuition and deposit amounts will apply.
2. The interns may apply the initial deposit, if it has been paid, to the remainder of the tuition owed. The intern will defer placement to the following class. In this case, tuition and deposit amounts for the future class will apply.
3. The interns may withdraw from the program and receive a refund of any tuition paid, minus the non-refundable deposit, if it has been paid. The nonrefundable deposit will not be returned. If the intern decides to apply to the internship during a future computer match, the intern may do so, following the application guidelines, which apply at the time of the new application. No materials from prior applications will be held for use in future application.

### **Deferment from one week before program start to 30 days until orientation.**

If an intern is unable to accept the match to the internship because of illness, injury, or family circumstances within 30 days of the start of internship orientation, the intern may choose one of the following options:

1. No refund. Tuition and deposit will remain with the internship. Internship will be deferred until the following year and the intern will owe no further tuition or deposit if tuition and deposit had been paid in full for the current year.



2. Receive a refund of tuition paid, minus the nonrefundable deposit and defer placement to the following class. In this case, tuition and deposit for the following class will apply. The nonrefundable deposit will not be returned but will be applied to the tuition for the following year.
3. Withdraw from the program and receive a refund tuition paid, minus the non-refundable deposit. The nonrefundable deposit will not be returned. If the individual decides to apply to the internship during a future computer match, the intern may do so, following the application guidelines, which apply at the time of the new application. No materials from prior applications will be held for use in a future application.

#### **Deferment after orientation has started**

1. Attendance at internship orientation is mandatory. An intern cannot participate in the internship without participating in Internship Orientation.
2. If illness, injury, or family emergency occurs during orientation—
  - a. The intern will be allowed to continue with the current class if the intern has attended more than > 70% of orientation classes
  - b. The intern will be deferred to the next year's class if the intern has attended less than 70% of orientation classes. In this case, the intern will be required to repeat all of orientation. Option 1 under "Deferment from one week until orientation" will apply
3. At the discretion of the DI Region Director, an intern may be excused from a small number of classes during orientation for family/personal circumstances, illness, or religious observances. It is the intern's responsibility to notify the DI Region Director as soon as possible. The missed classes will not exceed 30% of orientation classes.
4. The intern will be responsible for completing alternative learning activities to make up for the missed classes. Appropriate activities/assignments will be determined by the DI Region Director.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

Policy	Dress Code
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1. Professional appearance and behavior are always expected for dietetic interns. Interns will be expected to maintain a neat and professional appearance and to behave professionally when working at rotation sites, attending orientation and at all other internship functions. Interns are representing themselves, the facilities where they are working, Sodexo, Sodexo Dietetic Internship, and the Profession of Dietetics.
2. All clothing is to be clean, neat, and in good repair.
3. Jeans, sweatshirts, facial jewelry, open-toed shoes, shorts, clothing with logos other than the Sodexo or Sodexo Dietetic Internship logo, revealing clothing (low cut tops or midriff showing), and tight-fitting clothing are not allowed at any time. Tank tops or halters are not allowed. Shoulders must be covered.
4. Jewelry is limited to wedding bands, watches, small post earrings and other plain necklaces or earrings.
5. Heavy perfumes are not permitted.
6. Non-slip safety shoes are required in the kitchen and production areas and strongly recommended for safety in clinical areas. Low heeled (1-1 ½ inch) shoes with closed heels and toes are required. Intern should check with preceptor about procuring non-slip safety shoes.
7. Hair is to be completely covered by a hair net or cap in all food preparation areas.
8. Eating in food production areas is not permitted. Chewing gum is not permitted during any rotation.
9. Nail polish or false nails are not permitted in food preparation areas.
10. A lab coat may be required by the facility. In some facilities, clinical staff wear scrubs. Interns will check with preceptors prior to starting the rotation to determine the appropriate clothing for the rotation. Interns will follow the facility policy. Interns are responsible for purchasing and maintaining neat and clean lab coats or scrubs.
11. Interns must wear name tags when on rotation premises. This may be a required facility name tag or name tag issued by the internship.
12. Interns are expected to adhere to all Sodexo and facility safety and sanitation requirements.
13. If the facility dress code differs from above, the facility's code should be followed. Under certain circumstances, exceptions may be made to the above policy. (For example, dress that is more casual would be permitted when working with children at a camp). Interns should always check with the facility preceptor when in doubt.

Revised: 8/2019; 8/2020
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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Disciplinary Action and Termination (8.2 L)</b>
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The Sodexo Dietetic Internship has a plan in place to correct most types of unsatisfactory performance or conduct through remediation measures. See Intern Retention and Remediation policy for details. However, some types of performance and misconduct are so severe that they may warrant termination, without any prior counseling action steps. Examples of these types of violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- An intern who has completed the remediation action plan without successful results as determined by the DI Region Director. Failure to carry out reasonable assignments after repeated requests.
- Any violation of the internship's or facility's policy on ethical conduct.
- Insubordination or failure to carry out reasonable requests made by the manager or supervisor.
- Theft, attempted theft, or removal of property from the premises without proper authorization.
- Willful misuse or destruction of Company, Client or a co-worker's property.
- Sleeping during work time or leaving the job without authorization.
- Possession or consumption of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages or being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages during supervised practice or on Company/Client premises.
- Gambling during supervised practice or on Company/Client premises.
- Sexual harassment or other harassment or discrimination of any kind, including bullying such as verbal abuse, racial slurs, social media misuse and online or phone conversation or texts.
- Possession of a dangerous weapon on Company/Client premises.
- Any disorderly conduct, such as profanity, yelling or vulgar, abusive or obscene language while on Company premises or arising out of Company business.
- Misuse of copyright, or plagiarism.
- Willful falsification of application, patient, or financial records.
- Conviction of a felony or off-duty conduct which relates to the intern's ability to function in the internship or the Company's integrity or reputation.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Education Purpose of Supervised Practice (8.2 E, F)</b>
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Supervised practice is intended for educational purposes only and should not be used for replacing employees at the supervised practice site.

1. Interns cannot lawfully replace regular employees except as part of the learning process, for example, clinical staff relief, manager training, management staff relief and/or assisting staff as a manager would.
2. Interns are not entitled to wages or compensation for supervised practice activities performed during the internship.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action</b>
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This policy on Equal Employment Opportunity applies to Dietetic Interns admitted to the Sodexo Dietetic Internship.

Sodexo is committed to the principles of equal employment opportunity. The Company will provide equal employment opportunity without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or veteran status in full compliance with the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1991, as amended; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended; the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended; the Equal Pay Act; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Pregnancy Discrimination Act; the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended; the Presidential Executive Orders and the regulations of the U.S.

The Sodexo Dietetic Internship strives to choose the best-qualified person for each internship placement while valuing and promoting diversity within the internship. In this spirit, Sodexo Dietetic Internship will comply with all applicable federal and state laws regulating internship application decisions. These include, but are not limited to, advertising, recruiting, hiring, placement, promotion, transfer, demotion, compensation, training, layoff or termination, participation in social and recreational functions and use of facilities.

### **Disability**

Sodexo likewise extends the benefits of equal opportunity to qualified disabled persons in all aspects of the internship relationship. Further, the Internship affirms that it will provide reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of any qualified disabled intern or applicant.

### **Harassment**

Company policy prohibits harassment due to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, age, marital status, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other basis protected by law. This means that no intern will be ridiculed, belittled, or embarrassed by jokes, slurs and comments, subject to intimidating, abusive or offensive comments, touching or gestures, or excluded from work-related activities for any of the reasons stated above.

This policy applies to all interns. Any intern who in any way harasses a fellow intern, employee, a customer, or any other person may be subject to immediate termination of employment.

### **Retaliation**

Sodexo will not discriminate against an intern because the intern has opposed any unlawful employment practice, or filed a charge, or participated in any action under Title VII or any other anti-discrimination law.

### **Equal Employment Opportunity**

Discharging an intern for filing or threatening to file a charge of discrimination or refusing to hire an individual solely because a reference check reveals that individual may have filed a discrimination charge against a former employee.

### **Complaint Procedures**

Any intern who believes that he/she has been discriminated against or harassed in violation of this policy may and should file a complaint about it as described in the Grievance Procedure Policy. The internship will conduct a prompt and impartial investigation of the complaint, as outlined in the Grievance Procedure Policy.

If the internship determines after investigation that discriminatory conduct could have occurred, it will take immediate action to remedy that conduct. Any intern who is found to have committed discrimination will be subject to appropriate constructive counseling, which may include termination. The severity of the constructive counseling action will be based on the circumstances of the infraction.

The internship will strive to maintain the confidentiality of information revealed in the investigation as much as possible and release information arising out of a complaint or investigation only on a need-to-know basis. Interns should be aware, however, that certain information might have to be discussed for an effective investigation to be conducted.

There will be no retaliation against victims of and witnesses to discrimination or anyone who cooperates in an investigation of discrimination. Anyone who engages in retaliation will be punished accordingly, up to and including termination.

### **DI Region Director's Responsibilities**

Any manager who receives a charge of discrimination filed with the federal government, or any state or local discrimination agency, should immediately notify the designated Human Resources executive and forward a copy of the charge to the Labor and Employment Law Department of the Company's Law Department for processing.

### **Equal Employment Opportunity**

It is the DI Region Director's responsibility to:

- Make sure that interns are aware of this policy and their rights under it.
- Provide guidance and assistance – explain the Company's EEO policies to interns. Make sure interns have a clear understanding of the policies and take time to listen to interns, especially any complaints about possible unfair treatment.
- Ensure a work environment free of discrimination – treat all interns fairly and impartially with respect to all internship decisions, including work assignments, opportunities from training and constructive counseling action.
- Prevent harassment among interns; do not allow any intern to be ridiculed, demeaned, or embarrassed because of racist, ethnic or sexist jokes, comments or actions.
- Avoid derogatory references to age, ethnic background, sex, religion, etc. These are often interpreted as reflective of a discriminatory attitude.
- Ensure that there is no retaliation against a person who complains of discriminatory practices or treatment.
- Respond appropriately to complaints of discrimination or harassment if an intern reports harassment.
- Advise the intern that the complaint will be investigated promptly.
- Immediately contact the internship's Human Resources representative and inform him/her of the complaint.
- Decide, with the Human Resources representative, how the complaint will be addressed and resolved.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

Policy	Formal Assessment of Student Learning (8.2 J)
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1. All interns will be formally evaluated at the end of each rotation, with interim evaluations undertaken as needed.
2. It is expected that ongoing feedback will be given to interns by the preceptor and/or DI Region Director and will serve as the basis for formal evaluations.
3. When completing evaluations, the preceptor will initial and score each of the competencies and add comments in the appropriate area. The preceptor and intern will review the evaluation together. The intern will have an opportunity to comment on the evaluation in the appropriate area and to complete a self-reflection on their rotation experience. The evaluation will be signed by the preceptor and the intern.
4. The intern will submit the evaluation to the Lamp Learning Consortium, the learning management system used by the internship.
5. The DI Region Director will review, sign, and return the signed evaluation to the intern via the learning management system. It is recommended that the intern keep a copy of all evaluations.
6. An intern must meet or exceed expectations on all competencies to pass the rotation.
7. Completion of evaluations is the responsibility of the intern. The intern will arrange with the preceptor to complete and review the evaluations **before** leaving the site. Any difficulties encountered in accomplishing this should be brought to the attention of the DI Region Director.
8. Evaluations are maintained as part of the intern's records. All evaluations must be completed prior to the completion of the internship. **Verification Statements will not be issued until all evaluations are completed** and are found to be satisfactory.

Date: 7/2012 Reviewed: 9/2014 Revised: 8/2019; 8/2020; 1/2024
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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Graduation Requirements (8.2 M)</b>
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1. Completion of the Dietetic Internship is contingent upon achievement of the required competencies, which are outlined by the Accreditation Council for Education of Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) and completion of a graduate degree.
2. Interns must complete all Program Requirements to be eligible to graduate. This includes:
  - a. Completion of the required number of hours in each rotation
  - b. Satisfactory completion of all rotations and achievement of entry level competency in all rotations, by meeting or exceeding expectations on all Rotation Activities and Evaluation Forms (RAEF)
  - c. Satisfactory completion of all assignments as determined by the DI Region Director
  - d. Financial obligations to the Program paid in full
  - e. Completion of a graduate degree
3. Interns will achieve a satisfactory rating on each competency requirement. Each rotation is planned to enable the intern to meet these competency requirements. RAEFs will state specific performance results and need for improvement with action plan if necessary. A separate policy, “Formal Assessment of Intern Learning” expands on this.
4. When all the above requirements are met, the internship will provide an electronic copy of the verification statement to the intern and file a copy of the statement. This documentation is necessary to verify completion of the Dietetic Internship and establish eligibility to take the Registration Exam for Dietitians. The National Director of the Sodexo Dietetic Internship, will submit the required documentation to the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR), using the online CDR Registration Eligibility Processing System.
5. Failure to complete program requirements within fourteen (14) months of the program start for Non-MS interns (150% of planned completion) or twenty one (21) months of the program start date for MS interns (150% of planned completion) will lead to termination in the program unless a specific alternative plan is agreed upon between the intern and the DI Region Director.

**Note:** Many states have licensure for dietitians. It is the intern’s responsibility to know what the regulations are in the state where the intern will practice. Before graduation, interns will check their state’s licensure regulations to assure that they are complying with the licensure requirements for the state where they are accepting employment.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Grievance Procedure (8.2 G)</b>
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If a Sodexo dietetic intern has a concern regarding the dietetic internship policies and procedures or the administration of these procedures for selection, admission, evaluation, discipline, or other activities pertaining to the program, or any decision made by a member of the dietetic internship program the following steps should be taken to voice a concern:

1. Consult with the internship staff person. The consultation should always include the presentation of the intern's problem(s) and constructive, feasible suggestions for the solution of the problem. The consultation must be initiated no more than five (5) working days from the date of the grievance.
2. If a dietetic intern has a concern regarding the dietetic internship policies and procedures or the administration of these procedures for selection, admission, evaluation, discipline, or other activities pertaining to the facility or supervised practice staff, managers, or preceptors, or any decision made by the previously mentioned persons, the following steps should be taken to voice a concern:
  - a. Consult with the supervising dietitian or manager involved with the activity or evaluation. The consultation should always include the presentation of the intern's problem(s) and constructive, feasible suggestions for the solution of the problem. The consultation must be initiated no more than five (5) working days from the date of the grievance.
  - b. If consultation with the internship staff person, supervising dietitian, or manager proves unsatisfactory, the intern's next step is to consult with the DI Region Director.
  - c. After hearing the positions of the intern and supervising dietitian, the DI Region Director may render a decision on the issue and/or default to the grievance committee. If the DI Region Director renders a decision, the decision is final unless a written letter requesting a grievance committee hearing is received from the intern within five (5) working days of the decision.

**Note:** If the grievance is with the DI Region Director, the grievance committee will be convened as the next step.

3. The grievance committee will consist of a dietetic internship staff member, a member of Sodexo corporate management, the National Director of Sodexo Dietetic Internship, and a member of the Dietetic Internship Visioning Board. The grievance committee called together to hear the complaint will render a decision on the issue which will be final. The grievance committee will meet to hear the complaint no more than ten (10) working days from the day that the National Internship Director receives the written request.
4. There is never any retaliation for filing a grievance.
5. The program will maintain a record of intern complaints for a period of seven years, including the resolution of complaints.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Holidays and Vacations (8.2 Q)</b>
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1. The dietetic internship program does not include scheduled vacation and holiday time off.
2. If an intern chooses to take some time off, it is recommended that vacation time be taken between rotations in order to maintain continuity of the rotation.
3. Holidays and vacations are to be arranged by the intern with the DI Region Director and with the preceptor if taken during a rotation.
4. The DI Region Director must approve vacation time.
5. Interns may be scheduled to work on the day of a legal holiday if a rotation assignment or experience requires it.
6. Accommodations in scheduling holiday time for religious and cultural needs will be made. Interns are responsible for making the program management personnel aware of these needs early in the program year.
7. Any holiday or vacation time taken by interns will not be counted as part of the internship hours in any rotation.
8. MS Interns: Interns participating in the MS Track will follow the schedule of the University of Rhode Island in order to coordinate rotations and courses.

Reviewed: 7/2012; 6/2016 Revised: 9/2014; 8/2019; 8/2020
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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

### Intern Agreement between Sodexo and

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(Intern)

Sodexo accepts the Intern to participate in the Sodexo Dietetic Internship (The Program) for the terms set forth and the Intern agrees to participate in The Program in accordance with the terms and conditions described in the "Policies and Procedures of the Sodexo Dietetic Internship".

#### **Sodexo agrees to:**

1. Provide educational practice experiences following the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) Standards for Dietetic Internships.
2. Provide formal and informal evaluations and feedback on a regular basis, with no more than 25 rotation days between formal evaluations.
3. Provide adequate resources and facilities to carry out the requirements of The Program.
4. Provide necessary staff support and guidance to enable the Intern to carry out the requirements of The Program.
5. Provide the intern with Verification Statement upon satisfactory completion of The Program and to submit required paperwork to the Commission on Dietetics Registration (CDR) for processing.
6. Protect the privacy of the intern information.

#### **The intern agrees to:**

1. Be responsible for expenses outlined on the internship website.
2. Adhere to the rules, regulations and policies of Sodexo and affiliating institutions during the term of The Program, and as outlined in the "Policy and Procedures" for The Program.
3. Satisfactorily complete all required hours, competencies, and assignments before the end date of The Program.
4. Provide proof of Health Insurance, background criminal check, final transcript and DPD Verification Statement prior to the start of The Program.
5. Complete physical examination form with required laboratory tests prior to the start of The Program.
6. Provide -at intern's expense- results of tests (i.e. drug tests or fingerprinting) which may be required by supervised practice facilities.
7. Pay all required tuition and fees prior to the start of The Program.
8. Read and adhere to the Confidentiality Agreement as outlined in the "Policies and Procedures of the Sodexo Dietetic Internship" and specific confidentiality policies of the individual rotation facilities.
9. Allow Sodexo Dietetic Internship to share the intern name and contact information with Sodexo recruiters and hiring managers for recruitment purposes, only.

**The intern understands that:**

1. Failure to complete performance requirements because of:
  - a. Unsatisfactory evaluations
  - b. Failure to complete assignments in a satisfactory manner
  - c. Failure to meet required competencies
  - d. Failure to comply with policies of The Program
  - e. Excessive absences

**will lead to extension of specific rotations and may lead to termination in the program.**
2. **For Interns with Graduate Degrees:** It is expected that Program requirements will be completed within fourteen (14) months of The Program start date.  
**For Part-Time Interns or Interns completing a Graduate Degree while in the Internship:** It is expected that Program requirements, including obtaining a graduate degree, will be completed within twenty (20) months of The Program start date.
  - a. Continuation in The Program after that time will result in a continuation fee, equal to 1/12 of the current tuition, each month until the intern has completed Program requirements. Failure to complete program requirements within two (2) years of the start date will lead to termination unless a specific alternative plan is agreed upon between the Intern and the DI Region Director.
3. Interns are assigned to client sites where Sodexo provides client services. If Sodexo and the client ends the contractual agreement for services, the internship will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the affected intern at a site within the intern’s preferred geography.
4. Interns are assigned to rotation sites based on the intern’s geographical preferences and availability of sites. Because of the limited availability of sites, the internship will not approve requests to change rotation sites except in extenuating circumstances.

**Intern:**

- I read, understand, and agree to the terms of this contract.
- I read, understand, and agree to abide by all the Policies of the Sodexo Dietetic Internship.
- I read and understand [the Mission, Vision and Goals](#) of the Sodexo Dietetic Internship and agree to complete my rotations in alignment with them.

Intern Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Intern Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Director Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Director Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Only for Interns completing a Graduate Degree while completed the Internship**

- I understand that a graduate degree is a requirement for completing the internship and that I will receive an Internship Verification Statement after providing proof of completion of a graduate degree, i.e., an official transcript from a graduate school.

Intern Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Intern Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Director Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Director Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Revised: 7/2017 8/2019; 8/2020; 12/2020; 8/2021; 8/2023; 1/2024



## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Intern Retention and Remediation (8.1 B / 8.2 K)</b>
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It is the policy of Sodexo Dietetic Internship to promote and preserve a safe, productive, and pleasant environment, which enables interns to achieve their highest level of productivity and self-fulfillment.

Sodexo Dietetic Internship requires all interns to meet the standards of performance and conduct which have been established for their role. It is everyone's responsibility to treat the company's customers, clients, employees, and one another with respect and understanding. It is also our intention to have all the interns complete the internship. However, if an intern does not meet Sodexo's standards for performance and behavior, constructive counseling action may be taken to improve performance or correct behavior.

### **Constructive Counseling Procedures:**

1. If an intern is not performing to specified standards, the preceptor will contact the DI Region Director to discuss the problem.
2. The preceptor and/or DI Region Director will notify the intern of the areas requiring improvement. If necessary, the DI Region Director will meet with the intern and the preceptor.
3. A written, specific performance action plan will be established by the preceptor, the DI Region Director, and the intern in order to assure that the intern is able to attain the program competencies. The written action plan will be placed in the intern's file and signed by the intern.
4. The intern will carry out the plan and meet with the preceptor on a regular basis, as specified in the plan, to discuss the intern's progress. The intern will communicate regularly with the DI Region Director during this time, as outlined on the performance action plan.
5. It is expected that the length of the rotation, as outlined in the plan, may be extended for the intern who is not achieving program competencies.
6. If, after completing the plan, the intern still does not meet the required competencies, the DI Region Director will meet with the intern and appropriate rotation preceptors to discuss the feasibility of continuing in the program.
7. If it is determined that competencies cannot be met by an intern, the intern will be notified that the intern's participation in the program is terminated.
8. The intern will have the opportunity to appeal the decision following the program Grievance Procedure.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Performance Action Plan</b>
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**Intern:**

**Issues:**

**Action Plan:**

**Time Frame:**

**Review:**

I understand the terms of the performance action plan as outlined above and that failure to meet the requirements of the above action plan will lead to my termination from the Sodexo Dietetic Internship.

**Intern Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Intern Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preceptor Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preceptor Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_



## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Insurance Requirements (8.2 A, B, C, D)</b>
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1. Professional Liability Insurance- Interns are under the supervision of Sodexo, and as a result are covered for professional liability through Sodexo. This covers only those activities that are part of the internship.
  - a. Interns must have all medical record entries co-signed by the supervising dietitian.
  - b. Any intern engaging in outside consulting, or other professional practice, is responsible for obtaining insurance for those activities.
2. Criminal Background Checks, Drug Testing and Fingerprinting- Criminal background checks will be conducted by Sodexo. Interns are responsible for the cost of the background check. Some facilities may require drug testing and/or fingerprinting for interns. Interns are responsible for obtaining these tests and any cost for obtaining this testing. Interns will be notified if these tests are required.
3. Liability for Safety & Travel- Travel to and from assigned areas is the sole responsibility of the individual intern.
4. Health Insurance and Illness- Interns are required to carry health insurance throughout the internship and are responsible for costs related to illness or injury while in a facility or supervised practice.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

Policy	Leave of Absence (8.2 Q)
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**Purpose:** To assure that a leave of absence will not interfere with achievement of program goals and competencies

1. If an intern needs to take a leave of absence of longer than two weeks from participation in the program for medical or personal reasons, the intern will submit the request in writing to the DI Region Director for approval. The request will include the reason for the leave of absence, estimated time frame for the leave, and expected date of return to the program.
  - a. Requests for a Leave of Absence for medical reasons must be accompanied by a note from a physician verifying the illness and expected length of the leave of absence
  - b. A note from a physician stating that the intern is ready to return to the internship is required before the intern can restart rotations
2. If the Leave of Absence will be for an extended period, the DI Region Director will determine which competencies still need to be met by the intern. Before the intern returns to the program, a plan will be established by the DI Region Director, the intern, and, if appropriate, the preceptor so that the intern can attain all program competencies. The intern and DI Region Director will sign the plan.
3. It is understood that all competencies of the program must be met before the intern graduates from the program.
4. Failure to complete program requirements within two (2) years of the start date will lead to termination. Exceptions to this will be made only under special circumstances and require the approval of the DI Region Director and, if necessary, the DI Visioning Board.
5. If an intern returns to the program after a year or more away, the DI Region Director will determine which, if any, rotations will need to be repeated.
6. If the intern is unable to return to the program after the agreed-upon period, the DI Region Director will determine whether the leave of absence will be extended.
7. No refund will be provided.
8. If it is determined that the leave of absence will not be extended, the intern will be terminated from the program and will be notified in writing.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Marijuana, Alcohol and Random Drug tests</b>
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### Alcohol

Sodexo Dietetic Internship prohibits the following:

- Unauthorized use, consumption, storage manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, sale, or attempted sale of alcohol on Company/client premises, during working hours and/or at the end of a client catering event or on Company/client premises at the end of a workday.
  - The sole exception is that alcohol consumption is permitted by interns who are guests at Sodexo or Sodexo Dietetic Internship sponsored events.
- Being under the influence of alcohol on Sodexo/client premises, or during working hours

Sodexo Dietetic Internship will give an intern who refuses the applicable test or tests positive for the presence of Alcohol the opportunity to explain the results. Interns who fail to comply with this policy may be subject to constructive counseling up to and including removal from the supervised practice site without the possibility of future employment and expulsion from the internship program.

### Marijuana

Sodexo is a federal contractor. Federal law prohibits using marijuana, despite legislation legalizing or decriminalizing the use of marijuana in some states.

Sodexo Dietetic interns are subject to random drug tests in any Sodexo facility. The applicable test is a two-part urine test to look for delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC. THC is the active ingredient in marijuana. The test can find out if THC or related chemicals from marijuana called metabolites are in urine. The test is considered quite accurate. An intern may have to do the urine test in a healthcare provider's office or with a technician present.

According to the University of Rochester Medical Center, delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, can linger on average up to 10 days for a casual user. It stays in the system for 2 to 4 weeks if used often, and more than a month if used more often.

Some CBD oils or edibles contain enough THC to test positive in a marijuana drug screen. They are not regulated.

Sodexo Dietetic Internship will give an intern who refuses the applicable test or tests positive the opportunity to explain the results. Interns who fail to comply with this policy may be subject to constructive counseling up to and including removal from the supervised practice site without the possibility of future employment, and expulsion from the internship program.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Medical Records</b>
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The policy on Medical Records pertains to any document or documentation within a chart found in a health care facility, clinic or physician's office that is both private and confidential in nature and discusses the medical care planned or rendered to any individual person.

The entire contents of this document and/or all the information contained in any medical record is included in the scope of this policy.

Medical records may be broadly classified into three types:

1. The first are records or information obtained to determine the fitness of an applicant or intern for employment, placement in a specific job or certification to return to work. Such information will be held in strict confidence and maintained either by the physician conducting the examination or by the appropriate department. Such information will not be given routinely to the intern's supervisor.

Furthermore, medical inquiries should be job related in that they elicit information regarding the intern's ability to perform work efficiently and safely. Inquiries cannot be vague, broad, or irrelevant.

2. The second type of medical record is information obtained as the result of medical care, including emergency treatment, usually provided through the corporate medical facility or unit first aid facility. Since such treatment may not relate to job performance and in order that the traditional confidential relationship between physician and patient be maintained, this treatment information will be kept apart from intern related records. It will not be used in making employment or internship related decisions unless a condition existed which would affect the health and safety of the individual or others on the job. This information may also be used to establish or assess an intern's allegations of illness or disability.
3. The third medical record covered by this policy are medical records that are used by the intern to complete any rotation competency, assignment, or project. The information contained must always be held private and confidential. The intern must not:
  - a. Discuss the medical plan of care or documentation of a patient or client with anyone who is not involved in providing care for this individual.
  - b. Copy or take pictures of any part of the medical record.
  - c. Make notes about the contents of the medical record that can identify a patient or client.
  - d. Include information in any rotation competency, assignment or project that can identify a patient or client.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

Policy	No Solicitation/Distribution
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The policy on No Solicitation and Distribution applies to all Dietetic Interns admitted to the Sodexo Dietetic Internship. **Any reference to employee below applies to Dietetic Interns in the Dietetic Internship Program, as well.**

Sodexo strives to create an environment in which employees/interns have the time, tools and support they need to perform their jobs with undivided attention. For this reason, the company prohibits on-the-job solicitation because it may cause employees/interns to neglect their own work, interfere with the work of others and be a source of inappropriate pressure.

Sodexo strictly prohibits any non-employee from entering onto any premises it owns or controls to solicit or distribute literature to its employees. The Company may make an exception to this rule for limited charitable solicitations.

Under this policy, employees/interns:

- May not solicit for any cause during work time.
- May not, whether on working time or not, solicit other employees/interns who are on working time.
- May not distribute literature of any kind during work time.
- May not, whether on working time or not, distribute literature of any kind to other employees/interns who are on working time.
- May not distribute literature at any time for any cause in working areas.
- Prohibited solicitation includes promotion of membership and subscriptions for any public or private enterprises.
- Working time does not include authorized breaks or meal periods or other times when employees/interns are not responsible for performing work tasks.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

Policy	Placement of Interns
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1. Interns will be placed in approved practice sites as determined by the DI Region Director.
2. Every effort will be made to place interns in appropriate facilities as close as possible to the geographic location requested by an applicant.
3. Once the applications have been reviewed and the candidates who will be considered for ranking are chosen, the following process is initiated by the DI Region Director:
  - a. If an applicant is geographically located in an area where there is no approved practice site, the DI Region Director will contact the appropriate Sodexo Regional Nutrition Manager to determine the availability of appropriate practice sites in the area.
  - b. If it is determined that there are appropriate practice sites in the applicant's geographic area, the DI Region Director will contact the Food Service Manager and/or Clinical Nutrition Manager at the site to request the use of the site and staff for a practice site.
  - c. If there is no appropriate site in a requested geographic area, the DI Region Director will notify the applicant of this fact and inform him/her of the closest site available.
  - d. If the intern accepts the alternate location, the intern will be left on the list of applicants to be ranked.
  - e. If the intern declines the alternate site, the intern will be removed from the ranking list so that the intern can have an opportunity to be matched to another internship.
4. If the intern is matched to the program, the practice site will be notified. The DI Region Director will communicate by phone and/or email with one or more of the preceptors at the site, as necessary. A link to the password protected preceptor website will be sent to the practice site along with a contract to be signed. The password protected website is available to all preceptors. Information to access the site will be sent to the primary preceptor by the internship staff. The preceptor website provides the following information:
  - a. Philosophy and Goals of the program
  - b. Rotation descriptions
  - c. Pertinent evaluation forms
  - d. Internship Policies and Procedures
  - e. Preceptor Training and Continuing Education Opportunities
5. The internship faculty will conduct virtual meetings with the site while the intern is at the site in the clinical rotation to review the competencies and evaluation forms and to answer any questions or concerns of the staff at the site.
6. In-Person visits may be made by internship faculty if problems arise. Otherwise, regular email or phone contact will be made with the site preceptor, as needed.
7. If, during the internship, a change in practice site is required due to unforeseen circumstances, the DI Region Director will facilitate the identification of an alternate site that meets the geographical preferences of the intern.
8. At the end of the rotation, the intern will be asked to evaluate the site for continued use by future interns.

## International Experience

1. If the intern who is matched to the program is interested in completing an international experience, the intern will notify the DI Region Director to discuss the possibility. The DI Region Director will forward information to the Faculty Advisor for the International Experience. The Faculty Advisor will contact the internship liaison, who will provide the appropriate contact for the country of interest.  
**Note:** Those completing an international experience **must** choose the Leadership specialty rotation.
2. The Faculty Advisor for the International Experience will contact this person to determine an appropriate placement for the food service management rotation in the area requested by the applicant.
3. If it is determined that there are appropriate practice sites in the requested country, the Faculty Advisor for the International Experience will contact the Food Service Manager at the site to request the use of the site and staff for a practice site.
4. If there is no appropriate site in a requested country, the Faculty Advisor for the International Experience will notify the intern of this fact and discuss other options.
5. The practice site will be given access to the preceptor website. The Faculty Advisor for the International Experience will communicate via phone and/or email with one or more of the preceptors at the site. The faculty advisor for the International Experience will contact the preceptor(s) through e-mail and/or phone to answer any questions and assure that program competencies are being met.
6. Travel and housing arrangements are the responsibility of the intern.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Professional and Ethical Conduct (8.1 B)</b>
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**Professional conduct is expected by all dietetic interns. The dietetic intern must represent themselves in a manner which:**

- Conforms to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Standards of Ethics and Professional Responsibility
  - Adheres to all the policies for each affiliation facility and for Sodexo and the dietetic internship program
  - Respects the confidentiality of the patients, staff and health care institution activities
  - Completes assignments in an ethical manner
  - Works well with others and is not disruptive
  - Treats others with fairness, respect, and dignity
  - Follows through with commitments
1. The dietetic intern is responsible for reviewing the policy and procedure manuals at the affiliation facility where he/she is assigned to work. Interns are responsible for knowing the content of the policies at the facilities where they are assigned, for Sodexo as they apply to the internship program and for the dietetic internship program itself.
  2. Medical records and information obtained on patient care rounds or in conferences are confidential and must not be discussed with others outside of the immediate health care team and/or in public places. The intern will be responsible for complying with HIPAA regulations.
  3. Information regarding personnel and finances of the facility or institution and personal employee data of an employee at the facility including disciplinary action and performance appraisals are confidential and must not be discussed with others outside of the immediate management team and/or in a public place.
  4. Interns are always expected to treat all people with courtesy and respect.
  5. Profane or provocative language will not be tolerated.
  6. Facility's telephones are for conducting facility business. Personal phone calls should be kept to a minimum and intern should check with facility preceptor for appropriate phone to use for personal calls.
  7. Cell phones will not be used for personal calls or text messaging during internship hours except for emergencies or during break times. Interns will follow facility policies regarding cell phone use.
  8. Interns who must leave their work area during work hours must notify their preceptor.
  9. Interns represent Sodexo as well as the department and facility as part of the professional staff. Therefore, professional dress and behavior is expected. See Dress Code for specifics.
  10. Problems or issues should be discussed between the intern and assigned preceptors. If issues remain unresolved, refer to the Grievance Procedure.

11. The following will result in immediate termination from the program:
  - a. Being in possession of or under the influence of alcohol, Marijuana, or illegal drugs while on duty or on facility premises.
  - b. Engaging in illegal activities
  - c. Insubordination
  - d. Physical or verbal threats or abuse
  
12. Comply with Sodexo policies on “general business practice,” which covers conflict of interest, political activities, prohibition of gifts from vendors, etc.
  - a. Obey all relevant laws: Obey all relevant laws, including but not limited to, those that apply to alcoholic beverages, civil rights, copyright protection, environmental protection, and workplace safety.
  - b. Treat all interns fairly, with dignity and respect: All interns are entitled to a work environment free of verbal, physical and sexual harassment. The Company is committed to the principles and procedures set forth in its Promise of Respect and Fair Treatment Policy. The Company is also committed to providing equal employment opportunities for minorities, women, veterans and persons with disabilities. The Company believes that the promotion of workforce diversity is an important objective in its own right, and is a source of competitive advantage and a requirement of equal employment opportunity laws.
  - c. Avoid Conflict of Interest: Interns should avoid conduct which presents an actual or potential conflict of interest. An actual or potential conflict of interest occurs when an intern is in a position to influence a decision that may result in a personal gain for that intern, relative or close acquaintance as a result of the Company's business dealings. (For the purposes of this policy, a relative is any person who is related by blood or marriage, or whose relationship with the employee is like that of persons who are related by blood or marriage).  
An intern having any interest, direct or indirect (other than an interest of 5% or less in a publicly held company), in any supplier, customer, competitor or franchisee of the Company, should make prompt disclosure to the Company.
  - d. Avoid the improper giving and receiving of gifts: Accepting gifts or money from patients/clients/customers is not permitted.
  - e. Safeguard the company's assets: Personal use of supplies, equipment or premises belonging to the Company or its clients is prohibited, unless prior permission is received from a supervisor and adequate compensation is arranged. Every intern is responsible for safeguarding Company assets under the intern's control.
  - f. Protect the company's reputation: Certain types of off-duty conduct may interfere with the Company's legitimate business interests. Interns are expected to conduct their personal affairs in a manner which does not adversely affect the Company's integrity, reputation or credibility.
  - g. Separate personal political activities from the company's business: The company encourages individual participation by interns in the political process. This includes service on governmental bodies and participation in partisan political activities. However, such activities should not be carried on in a way which interferes with the intern's job responsibilities.
  - h. Report observed violations of standards: The integrity of the organization is diminished whenever these standards are violated. The Company expects interns to report any perceived violation of the policy. Interns can report any perceived ethical violations to their immediate supervisor or to the DI Region Director. Any such reports will be investigated promptly and thoroughly.  
Interns who do not adhere to these responsibilities may be subject to disciplinary action that could lead to termination from the internship program.

## Ethical Behavior

Dietetic Interns will abide by the Code of Ethics for the Profession of Dietetics (found at [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org)).

Protect patients' rights including those of confidentiality and privacy, and respect patient advanced directives.

Interns will not engage in unethical activities by seeking loopholes, shortcuts or technicalities, and should reject the notion that unethical behavior is acceptable because "everyone is doing it." Every action should be judged by considering whether it is legal, fair to all concerned and would withstand the scrutiny of outsiders. Interns whose behavior is found to violate ethical standards will be subject to constructive counseling action including, where appropriate termination.

**Note:** This policy applies to in person, telephone, and social media communications.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Protection of Privacy, Verification of Identity for Distance Instruction and Access to Personal Files (8.2 O, R, S)</b>
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Sodexo Dietetic Internship will comply with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to ensure privacy and proper use of intern records and personally identifiable information.

1. The internship will maintain intern records for educational purposes, to execute affiliation agreements and to meet the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) standards.
2. Intern records are stored securely online. These records can only be accessed by the assigned DI Region Director or Associate DI Region Director, using their individual Sodexo username and password.
3. Interns have the right to access their records by making a request to the DI Region Director.
4. Interns will not have access to the records of other interns. Whenever an education record contains information concerning more than one intern, a student may have access only to the specific information which pertains to that intern.
5. Personal information about an intern will be released outside of the Sodexo Dietetic Internship only with the written consent of the intern, except to verify intern status or to satisfy legitimate investigatory, regulatory, or other legal obligations.
6. The internship will de-identify any data used for marketing, or other purposes.
7. Distance learning assignments are maintained on Lamp Learning Consortium, a learning management system. Each intern has a username and password to verify their identity. Online quizzes for distance learning are completed on ProProfs Quiz Maker. Each intern must verify their identity using a two-step log in process prior to completing quizzes on this platform.
8. Completed assignments will be de-identified before dissemination to others for educational purposes. Interns enrolled in the University of Rhode Island (URI) graduate program will follow student authentication procedures to upload completed and reviewed internship assignments to Brightspace, the URI learning management system.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Recency of Education</b>
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Applicants, with either a graduate or an undergraduate degree, must meet recency of education requirements to be eligible for entry into the Sodexo Dietetic Internship program. This is to ensure that applicants have an up-to-date knowledge base.

If the internship applicant's degree was completed more than 5 years prior to applying for admission to the dietetic internship and the applicant has significant dietetics work experience, the applicant is required to demonstrate evidence of relevant ongoing AND-approved professional education.

Significant dietetics work experience is defined as working in a dietetics position in an acute or long-term care facility greater than or equal to 2 years.

If the internship applicant's degree was completed greater than 5 years prior to applying to the dietetic internship and the applicant does not have significant dietetics work experience, the applicant is required to take additional courses in dietetics to total 3-6 semester hours (3 hours in Advanced Nutrition and/or 3 hours in Medical Nutrition Therapy or equivalent) at a US regionally accredited college or university. The number of required semester hours is dependent on length of time since graduation, and dietetics experience during that time and will be determined by the DI Region Director. An official transcript verifying completion of the courses must be submitted before starting the internship.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

Policy	Rotation Sites
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Sodexo offers dietetic Internship to train dietetics and nutrition professionals by providing high quality, self-directed and individualized educational experiences. Dietetic interns require access to various facilities to complete the required, supervised practice portion of internship. The facilities agree to provide access according to the terms outlined below.

### **The Internship will:**

1. Be responsible for the overall educational program of its interns
2. Maintain compliance with the Standards of Education set forth by Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics
3. Provide the curriculum and/or rotation competencies to the rotation site
4. Assure that all interns comply with the required immunizations and tests
5. Provide liability insurance for all interns and provide proof of insurance as requested
6. Obtain a criminal background check on all interns
7. Provide support and guidance to the intern and site preceptors
8. Establish a performance plan for any intern who is not performing to required standards and remove any intern who is unable to meet the facility and internship standards
9. Issue a verification statement upon completion of all internship requirements

### **The Facility will:**

1. Maintain overall responsibility for conducting all business and providing patient care
2. Provide the intern with orientation to the department and arrange for facility orientation as required, as well as resources (i.e. computer access, workspace) needed to achieve the required competencies and learning goals
3. Provide supervision, instruction, evaluation, and resources essential to achievement of required competencies and learning goals
4. Allow access to the facility's resources, patients/clients, and staff as needed for the intern's achievement of required competencies and learning goals
5. Work with the internship to carry out any performance plans for any intern who is not performing to required standards
6. Evaluate the intern's progress on a regular basis
7. Not be expected to pay the intern for education-related work
8. Not use the intern to replace regular staff, except as part of the learning process
9. Request that the internship remove any intern that is not able to meet facility and internship standards or for reasons related to the facility (i.e. staffing issues, contract issues)

**The Intern will:**

1. Perform learning activities as outlined by the internship under the direction of a qualified individual
2. Sign and adhere to the confidentiality statement of the internship and/or the facility
3. Adhere to HIPAA regulations
4. Read and adhere to facility policies
5. Read and adhere to internship and applicable Sodexo policies
6. Be responsible for expenses related to the internship including tuition, housing, meals, transportation, parking, and educational resources
7. Maintain health insurance throughout the internship and provide proof of health insurance coverage

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

Policy	Services Provided by Sodexo (8.2 T)
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1. Sodexo does not provide financial aid. URI/MS interns are eligible for financial aid through the university.
2. MS Interns continuing to work at least 30 hours a week on Sodexo payroll may be eligible for tuition reimbursement, depending on the number of hours worked. Interns are responsible to complete paperwork requesting this benefit and must seek approval from the Sodexo unit where they work.
3. Most clinical sites have access to a medical library. Interns should have access to this service as well. If there is a charge for articles ordered, the Internship may be able to pick up any reasonable cost for materials related to internship activities or assignments. Approval by the DI Region Director must be obtained prior to ordering the material and a receipt must be provided to receive reimbursement.
4. Cost of meals and parking vary from facility to facility. Interns are responsible for parking, meal costs, and any unanticipated costs related to the facility. Interns may be eligible for the same benefits accorded to staff.
5. Liability insurance is provided by Sodexo for all interns while they are performing internship-related activities.
6. Interns are required to pay for and carry health insurance throughout the internship and are responsible for costs related to illness or injury while in a facility or supervised practice site. Interns must provide a copy or scan of their insurance card to their DI Region Director prior to starting orientation.
7. Sodexo offers Sodexo dietetic interns access to the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). No enrollment is necessary. The EAP offers voluntary professional counseling services covering a wide range of personal and work-related problems such as:
  - a. Access to TELUS Health, resource for work-life balance, phone # 1-888-267- 8126
  - b. Emotional stress
  - c. Financial matters
  - d. Legal problems
  - e. Grief
  - f. Child or spouse abuse
  - g. Work-related issues
  - h. Substance abuse
8. Interns are required to carry automobile insurance on their automobiles and will be responsible for their safety and the cost of traveling to and from sites, whether by private or public transportation.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Scheduling of Interns (8.2 Q)</b>
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1. Interns are responsible for arranging their individual schedules and reporting rotation hours to the DI Region Director via the appropriate internship document.
2. Interns are expected to complete 32 supervised practice hours each week. Exceptions are allowed on an individual basis.
3. Interns will be responsible for arranging their schedules with individual preceptors, based on the needs of the individual intern and the scheduling needs and abilities of the facility.
4. Schedules will be discussed with the internship staff, as needed, prior to the beginning of each rotation to assure appropriateness of hours. Every effort will be made to accommodate the intern's individual scheduling needs if these needs do not interfere with the quality of the learning experiences and the needs of the facility. If a unique learning opportunity arises during a rotation, the intern will be allowed to interrupt the current rotation to participate in the opportunity if the intern obtains prior approval from the preceptor and DI Region Director. Hours in the rotation must be resumed as soon as possible and total required hours for that rotation must be completed.
5. Interns will submit the number of hours completed each week by Saturday of that week.
6. Intern will record the total hours completed in any rotation during the previous week on the intern's individual sheet. Intern will click on the tab at the bottom of the page to access the appropriate sheet and record hours under the appropriate date.
7. Both the intern and internship faculty will have access to the hours entered by each intern.
8. The internship staff will check with site preceptors, as appropriate, to assure accuracy of hours.
9. All required hours in each rotation must be completed prior to graduation from the program.
10. Intern log sheets of reported hours will be kept on file by the DI Region Director.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Tuition Subsidy and Scholarships</b>
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Sodexo Dietetic Internship offers financial assistance to selected interns who meet the criteria for a tuition subsidy or a scholarship. The relief is provided in the form of tuition credit for selected interns.

### 1. Tuition Subsidy

- a. The tuition subsidy is provided to interns who commit to work for Sodexo Healthcare in areas of the country where Sodexo Healthcare RDN jobs will be available post-graduation or who are willing to relocate or travel for employment with Sodexo.
- b. After each application period, interns will be invited to apply for the tuition subsidy.
- c. The applications will be reviewed and evaluated by representatives from Sodexo Healthcare and the Dietetic Internship.
- d. All applicants will be informed of the results of the application review.
- e. Selected applicants will be invited to sign a Retention Agreement.
- f. Applicants who sign and return the agreement will receive a tuition credit for half of the tuition.
- g. When the intern is approaching graduation, the internship faculty will collaborate with Sodexo Healthcare Talent Acquisition to identify employment opportunities for the intern.
- h. Interns who decline an employment offer from Sodexo Healthcare will repay the tuition subsidy according to the terms of the Retention Agreement.

### 2. Scholarships

- a. Sodexo offers two scholarships each year, an annual Commitment to Diversity Scholarship for \$5000 and a biannual Barbara Woodland Scholarship for \$1000.
- b. After each application period, interns will be invited to apply for one or both scholarships.
- c. The applications will be reviewed and evaluated by representatives from Sodexo North America and the Dietetic Internship, using a blinded process.
- d. The National Internship Director will communicate the results of the scholarship application review to all applicants and the winners will receive the applicable tuition credit.

3. Interns who receive either a tuition subsidy and/or a scholarship are responsible for paying the remainder of the tuition by the due dates listed in the welcome information.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Verification Statement and Transcripts (8.2 N)</b>
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1. All incoming dietetic interns will be required to submit the following documentation prior to the first day of intern orientation:
  - a. Verification statement from their DPD Program including date of completion (month, day, year) and original signature of the DPD director in non-black ink.
  - b. Final official transcript from their university granting the intern's highest degree, showing that their degree has been conferred. Transcript must contain graduation date and degree conferred.

**Exception:** If the intern completes degree requirements close to the start of the internship, the transcript may not be complete by the start of the internship. In this case, it is recommended that the intern wait for 1-2 months before requesting a final transcript. However, the DPD verification is required before an intern can attend orientation.

2. Upon receipt of this documentation, the DI Region Director will review the forms to verify completeness and accuracy. Any problems identified with the documentation will be resolved by the DI Region Director, intern and DPD director. Interns will not be allowed to attend orientation without these documents in their file.
3. Interns who did not provide an official transcript of a graduate degree prior to orientation must provide one before completing the internship.
4. Upon completion of all requirements of the internship (hours, competencies, and assignments), the National Internship Director will submit the required documentation to the Commission on Dietetic Registration.
5. The National Internship Director will provide an electronic copy of the verification statement to the graduating intern and will keep a copy in the internship records.

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## SODEXO DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Withdrawal and Refund of Tuition and Fees (8.2 P)</b>
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Dietetic interns who withdraw from the program voluntarily may be eligible for a partial refund according to the guidelines below. Interns who withdraw voluntarily must submit their intention to withdraw in writing to the DI Region Director.

1. No refund will be made for the application fee for applicants who are considered for admission to the dietetic internship program. Applicants who are considered are those who submit a complete application packet postmarked no later than the date of the application deadline.
2. No refund will be made on the initial tuition deposit paid when the intern accepts the appointment to the program. This includes voluntary resignation and termination resulting from disciplinary procedure.
3. The remaining tuition will not be refunded once the intern starts the internship. In the event the intern pays partial or whole tuition prior to the start date of the internship and withdraws prior to the start of orientation, only the tuition minus the deposit will be refunded.

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