

Policy: Assessed Prior Learning (APL)

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POLICY: The USU DI participates in the Assessed Prior Learning (APL) program recognized by the Accreditation Council for Education and Dietetics Education (ACEND). APL is designed to grant internship credit in specific supervised practice rotations of the internship based on the dietetic intern's previous work and/or volunteer experience. Coursework or experience required by the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) will not be counted towards APL credit.

APL applications can be submitted after an applicant is officially accepted into the USU Dietetic Internship. Instructions for submitting the APL application and required materials are available to interns through the USU DI Current Internship website under New Intern Tasks:

http://dieteticinternship.usu.edu/currentinterns/new_intern_tasks. (password protected)

APL application materials must be submitted to the faculty member to which the intern reports. Late or incomplete APL applications will not be considered. Questions may be directed to the DI faculty.

Application deadlines are based on the following:

- Utah-Hybrid, any start time April
- All other interns May

The DI faculty will review all submitted applications and determine APL eligibility. Applicants are responsible for providing adequate documentation or evidence that they have sufficient knowledge and experience for which credit is being sought. Additional documentation or clarification may be requested. Supervisors listed in APL application may be contacted to request verification of the applicant's activities and documentation provided in the application.

USU DI faculty will make a decision based on the evaluation of the application and any verification of information provided as deemed appropriate.

A minimum of 1040 hours (40 hours per week for 6 months or 20 hours a week for 1 year) of experience in each practice area must be documented to apply for APL credit. Assignments will NOT be waived unless hours are granted for specific rotation as part of the APL credit.

The USU DI will award up to 6 weeks of APL credit per intern. Exceptions to this rule include applicants who have completed a 900-hour experience under the supervision of a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and have successfully passed the equivalent to the RD examination to be licensed in states that follow this procedure. Other extenuating circumstances will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

APL Credit Criteria

- Foodservice Systems Management (FSSM)
 - 6 months-1-year (full-time or equivalent) work experience = up to 1 wk APL credit
 - 1-5 years (full-time or equivalent) work experience = up to 4 wks APL credit
 - 5+ years (full-time or equivalent) work experience = up to 6 wks APL credit
 - School Nutrition Education (SNE)
- *Applicable experience: School FSSM ONLY*

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DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

- 6 months-1 year (full-time or equivalent) work experience = up to 1 wks APL credit
- 1+ years (full-time or equivalent) work experience = up to 2 wks APL credit

- Community/Public Health
 - 6 months-1 year (full-time or equivalent) work experience = up to 1 wk APL credit
 - 1-2 years (full-time or equivalent) work experience = up to 2 wks APL credit
 - 2+ years (full-time or equivalent) work experience = up to 3 wks APL credit

- Clinical
 - 1+ years (full-time or equivalent) work experience = up to 2 wks APL credit
 - *Applicable experience: LTC dietary manager*

Tuition and fees for the internship remain the same regardless of the amount of APL credit awarded. Interns will still receive the full 26 internship credits.