Policy: Graduation, Program Completion Requirements
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All interns who complete the program requirements detailed here will graduate with a certificate in Dietetic Internship and receive a DI verification statement and be submitted to the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) for eligibility for the RD examination.

To meet program completion requirements and be issued a verification statement, each intern must:

- Complete all 27 weeks (1080 hours) of supervised practice.
- Complete all assigned learning activities, assignments, lectures, quizzes, and case studies.
- Complete the clinical, foodservice management, and community comprehensive examinations with a score of at least 80%.
- Demonstrate ability to meet all required competencies by satisfactorily completing all assignments and activities for each rotation. DI faculty will determine on an individual basis when substitutions or modifications in rotations and learning activities can be made.
- Complete two weeks (80 hours) of staff experience in clinical dietetics and two weeks (80 hours) of leadership/management experience in foodservice systems management.
- Comply with acceptable professional standards of ethics, display appropriate personal conduct, and demonstrate adequate verbal and written communication skills during the internship.
- All tuition and fees are paid in full.

After an intern has completed all the program requirements, they will receive copies of the ACEND Verification Statement signed by the DI Director within 4 weeks of program completion.

The DI Director will be accountable for submitting the intern’s name and information to CDR electronically according to procedures. Interns are notified via e-mail when the CDR process is complete.