



Winnipeg Regional Health Authority  
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**Manitoba Partnership  
Dietetic Education  
Program**



**MANITOBA PARTNERSHIP DIETETIC EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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**To become and practice as a Registered Dietitian in Canada 4 steps are required:**

1. Complete a baccalaureate degree from a *Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice (PDEP)* accredited university program majoring in human nutritional sciences.
2. Complete a *PDEP* accredited dietetic internship program.
3. Pass the Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination.
4. Register with a provincial regulatory body to practice as a Registered Dietitian.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Manitoba Partnership Dietetic Education Program (MPP) ensures dietetic interns gain practical experience in all aspects of dietetic practice utilizing principles of adult education and self-directed learning. The post-graduate program offers diverse dietetic practice experiences and the provision of nutrition care/intervention occurs across the health care continuum. There is an enhanced emphasis on community-based practice, primary health care, long-term care, rural health care and Indigenous nutritional health. Learning opportunities occur throughout the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) and other health regions in Manitoba, to support dietetic interns in developing skills in all five areas of competence: Professional Practice, Communication and Collaboration, Nutrition Care, Population and Public Health and Management consistent with *The Integrated Competencies for Dietetic Education and Practice* developed by *PDEP* (<http://www.pdep.ca>). This post-degree dietetic education program is accredited under *Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice (PDEP)* and prepares individuals for eligibility for registration with a provincial dietetics regulatory body.

**DIETETIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM MISSION AND VISION**

Mission - The Manitoba Partnership Dietetic Education Program is committed to providing dietetic interns with practical learning experiences, which demonstrate best practice in a professional setting, building on academic learning to further develop skills, knowledge and judgments necessary to meet entry-level practice standards.

Vision - To provide excellence in dietetic internship education that acknowledges a dietetic intern's interests/strengths and fosters self-directed, supportive learning leading to the achievement of entry-to-practice competence.

**DIETETIC INTERNSHIP POSITIONS**

Twenty (20) Pre-Selection positions are available exclusively to University of Manitoba, Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences, Human Nutritional Sciences students.

**PROGRAM OUTLINE**

Orientation/Education Session - 3 weeks  
Clinical Nutrition/Nutrition Care - 12 weeks  
Community Nutrition/Population and Public Health and Primary Care - 6 weeks  
Renal, Pediatric and Population/Public Health Nutrition Group Education - 2 weeks  
Nutrition and Food Service Management - 9 weeks  
Professional Staff Experience (clinical nutrition/nutrition care) - 3 weeks  
Study Week - 1 week (Scheduled at the end of March)  
Vacation - 2 weeks (Scheduled end of December/early January)

Note: The practice-based research course (HNSC 4600) must be completed at the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences, Human Nutritional Sciences during the Winter Term – January to April in the year dietetic internship practicum starts.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates who wish to participate in the Pre-Selection process must be registered in the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Nutrition Option of the four year degree program for Bachelor of Science (Human Nutritional Sciences) or be registered in the Dietetics Preparation Option of the Second Degree program for Bachelor of Sciences (Human Nutritional Sciences) and have met a specified academic profile related to academic courses, degree GPA and degree credit hours. The Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, MPP Liaison and Advising Services representative work collaboratively with MPP to verify students' academic courses, degree GPA and degree credit hours and determine eligibility to apply for a Pre-Selection position.

In addition to meeting academic requirements, a minimum number of relevant skill-based volunteer hours must be completed prior to application submission.

Once a student is informed by MPP they are eligible to apply for a Pre-Selection position, students will then submit their applications to the MPP by November 1, 2019. The students pre-selected in 2019 will start internship in September 2021 and end the program in June the following year.

**For detailed information on applying to the Manitoba Partnership Dietetic Education Program see:**  
[Pre-selection Application Guide & Fillable Form](#)

For more information about the four year degree program or the second-degree option for the B.Sc. (HNS), see <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/afs/dept/fhns/programs/HNS/index.html> or contact Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences Student Services for academic program information: Telephone: (204) 474-9295 Email: [aginfo@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:aginfo@cc.umanitoba.ca)

## SELECTION CRITERIA

We seek confident individuals with passion for the dietetic profession and who have leadership potential and initiative. Demonstrated excellent written and verbal communication skills and willingness to work collaboratively in teams is essential. The ability to learn in a self-directed environment as well as being flexible and adaptable are assets. Strong critical thinking skills, decision making abilities, time management and organizational skills are necessary. It is a requirement to be proficient in the English language and be eligible to work in Canada.

Applications will be scored out of a total of 100 points. Points will be awarded according to the following:

Academic Rating – 30 points

Letter of Application – 20 points

Resume – 30 points

Reference Reports – 20 points

*Refer to the Pre-Selection Application Guide for further application document information.*

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Travel and Accommodation Requirements

All dietetic interns participating in the Manitoba Partnership Dietetic Education Program will complete a minimum of nine weeks of their training outside of Winnipeg. In more remote locations, rural placement experience will be scheduled as a continuous period of time to reduce travel requirements. In areas closer to Winnipeg, where dietetic interns have the option to commute, the experience may be scheduled in 2-3 time periods. Travel and accommodation arrangements and costs will be the responsibility of the dietetic intern.

### Access to a Vehicle

It is recommended that dietetic interns have access to a motor vehicle, specifically, if an individual chooses rural placement locations within commuting distance from Winnipeg. Dietetic interns will be responsible for their own transportation to various training sites within and outside of Winnipeg.

### Program Expenses

#### ***Prior to beginning internship:***

1. Official university level transcript of marks
2. Dietitians of Canada (DC) Student Status membership
3. Criminal record check/Vulnerable Sector Search, Child abuse and Adult abuse registry check
4. Updated immunization and communicable disease record
5. Accident Insurance (offered through DC)
6. Liability Insurance (offered through DC)
7. College of Dietitians of Manitoba registration as a Dietetic Intern

**During internship:**

1. \$350.00 registration fee (paid on first day of program, non-refundable)
2. Transportation/travel costs
3. Accommodation costs

**Working Hours**

Normal hours of work in a week are approximately 37.5 hours. Extra hours of work will be required to complete readings, assignments and projects.

**Prior Learning Experience**

Dietetic interns who can demonstrate achievement of dietetic internship *Practice Competencies* from previous work experience can apply for credit for prior learning, potentially resulting in a shortened program length.

**Quotes from Past Dietetic Interns**

"My internship has been much better than I ever could have anticipated. I am very excited to start my career and I feel well equipped to do so."

"The program allowed me to experience a variety of areas related to the dietetic practice. Having the experience in clinical, community, and food service management provided me the exposure to several fields of practice. I enjoyed all areas."

"I learnt a lot during this internship through all of the hands on learning that I was provided with. I am very pleased with this program and the variety of experiences and knowledge that it provided me with, which has equipped me to be a competent dietitian in the near future."

"I had a great and positive experience as an intern. All my preceptors were very supportive and that allowed me to gain confidence in becoming entry level competent. I appreciate the incorporation of the rural requirements. I had no interest working in a rural community but after my experience in The Pas, I would not hesitate to work in a rural area if the opportunity came up."

"I am very thankful for the opportunity! It was exhausting and really challenged me. I think it's quite an accomplishment and seeing my progression through it was a great experience."

"MPP is a wonderful program – I really like how it is personalized to fit your interests. I enjoyed and learned so much from each placement."

"The Manitoba Partnership Dietetic Education Program has been a rewarding experience. I cannot begin to describe the amount I have learnt from my preceptors, fellow interns and fellow RD's throughout the past 9 months. I was put in situations that allowed me to think critically and reach conclusions on my own which allowed me to become the confident dietetic intern I am today. I'm looking forward to practicing dietetics and achieving my dreams in the field of nutrition. Thank you for allowing me to part of this experience!"

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