

# Dietetic Internship (D.I.)

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The Department of Health Professions offers a Dietetic Internship with graduate level coursework. Students who have a Bachelors degree and verification statement from the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) can apply to the TAMUK DI.

Interns are required to take a minimum of six hours of graduate work in Human Nutrition (HMNT 5352 and HMNT 5353) in Summer Session II starting the first week of July before beginning their Internship rotation in August. HMNT 5352 and HMNT 5353 can only be taken at TAMUK. No graduate course substitution will be allowed as HMNT 5352 and HMNT 5353 are part of TAMUK Dietetic Internship Program. The TAMUK DI provides 18 graduate credit hours that can be applied toward the 36 graduate credit hours required to complete the Master of Science in Biology. Applicants with a master's degree can be accepted into the internship; however, the eighteen hours of graduate coursework is required and no substitutions are allowed.

**HSCI 5352 and HSCI 5353 are taught on the Kingsville campus Summer II (first week of July). Each course earns three graduate credit hours. Interns must achieve a grade of "C" or higher in HSCI 5352 and HSCI 5353 in order to begin HSCI 5650. *Interns not achieving a minimum of "C" should withdraw from HSCI 5650 and would need to re-apply and be re- accepted into the internship if they want to continue. HSCI 5650 provides 30 weeks of practical experience for which an intern earns 12 hours of graduate credit over two semesters.*** Interns will complete 32 hours of practical experience per week (1,200 hours of internship per year) which is supervised by registered dietitians or other trained professionals under the direction of the internship director.