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The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) offers a wide range of graduate, undergraduate, and certificate programs that combine a professional and liberal arts education with a focus on service. Coeducational graduate master’s and doctoral degree programs are taught on the University’s two campuses in West Hartford and Hartford, Connecticut; at off-campus locations throughout the state; and online. Undergraduate programs for women and coeducational adult students take place on our beautiful West Hartford campus and include more than 25 majors and seven pre-professional programs, each of which provides personal attention in a caring environment. Founded in 1932 by the Sisters of Mercy, the University of Saint Joseph welcomes students from diverse backgrounds and religious traditions.

Directions

USJ is located in West Hartford, Conn., off I-84, exit 43/Park Road. Turn right at the end of the ramp, and take a left at the first light onto Trout Brook Dr. At the fifth light, turn right onto Asylum Ave., then take the first left onto campus.

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The University of Saint Joseph Dietetic Internship Program offers a unique learning experience for each of its dietetic interns. Interns may choose from a variety of supervised practicum experiences throughout Connecticut. Graduates earn 9 credits towards the Online Nutrition Master’s degree at USJ.

The department of Nutrition at the University of Saint Joseph offers a Dietetic Internship which is administered by the Graduate School. This program is open to students with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition who meet the requirements of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Didactic Program in Dietetics. Upon completion of the supervised practice experience in clinical nutrition, community nutrition and food service management, graduates will receive a Verification of Completion and are eligible to take the registration examination to become a Registered Dietitian (R.D.). The University of Saint Joseph Dietetic Internship program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, a specialized body recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and the United States Department of Education since 1998.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
Curriculum
- 1,200 hours of supervised practicum experience in acute care settings, extended care facilities, school nutrition, community nutrition and food service
- Seminars on current topics and specialized nutrition areas are conducted throughout the program year

Sample Internship Rotation Schedule
August: Orientation - one week
September to mid-December:
  - Extended Care - 3 weeks
  - Clinical - 12 weeks
December: Holiday break
Mid-January: Orientation - one week
January–March: Food Service and School Lunch Programs - 8 weeks
March: spring break
March–May:
  - Community Nutrition - 5 weeks
  - Staff Relief - 2 weeks

Sample Supervised Practicum Sites
- The Hospital of Central Connecticut
- The University of Connecticut Health Center
- Apple Rehabilitation Centers
- Athena Health Centers
- DaVita Dialysis Units
- West Hartford Public Schools
- Sodexo Dining Services
- Compass Dining
- WIC Programs
- Charter Oak Health Center
- CT Children’s Medical Center
- Private practice

- Retail grocery markets
- Community health centers
- Bariatric centers
- Institute of Living Eating Disorders Program

TUITION AND COSTS
- 18 credits of graduate study
- Fee: $13,156 / year
- Food, housing, travel, lab coat, books are additional

FAQS
Q. Do I need to take GRE’s to be accepted?
A. No, we do not require them.
Q. How many interns do you accept?
A. We are accredited for 16 and accept 14-16.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
- Bachelor’s degree in Dietetics
- Verification Statement from DPD Director
- 3.0 overall GPA, 3.0 in DPD

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
1. Apply at the Dietetic Internship Centralized Application Services, https://portal.dicas.org/
2. Application fee: $50

“As an older student pursuing a second degree in dietetics, it was important to me to choose a program that exemplified professionalism, guidance and a family atmosphere. The University of Saint Joseph program offers all of that and more. The guidance and professionalism extends beyond the 5-year program, in assisting students with pursuing their dietetics careers. I highly recommend the program to aspiring RD’s.”

Pamela Doubleday, R.D.
USJ B.S. ’09, USJ DI ’10