

Do I need to find my preceptors and locations?

No, the Aramark Dietetic Internship is a distance program with a difference. The best sites and preceptors are selected for you! Students apply to the program with one application with many locations for you to rank!

How do I select my location?

The Rotation Site document lists all the geographical locations available during the upcoming year. Locations on the rotation sites document are subject to change. Be sure you are using the most updated Rotation Sites document posted on our website.

DICAS: You can list up to 5 sites where you would like to complete your practice experience in DICAS under Custom Questions. You will rank all the sites you are willing to complete your internship in DICAS under Custom Questions.

Do you participate in the spring and fall application process?

The program participates in both the Spring and Fall application process. Specific dates and deadlines can be confirmed on our website.

Does the Aramark internship provide financial aid? Can I make payments?

Aramark is a corporation and federal financial aid is not available. A deposit of \$2500 is required upon acceptance into the program. The balance of the program fee of \$8000 is due prior to orientation.

Yes, the internship will work with you on payments, but the program fee is due prior to the first day of Orientation. Payments should be submitted electronically via credit or debit card. Upon request, the internship will provide an intern with documents to apply for a loan deferment during the extent of the program.

Does the Aramark Dietetic Internship provide hours of credit for prior learning?

Yes. The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) allows flexibility to programs that seek to provide quality dietetics education using innovative methods. Granting credit for prior learning is one method. For dietetic interns, the required supervised practice hours may include hours credited from prior paid work experience. Aramark Dietetic Internship allows interns the opportunity to submit materials for assessment of prior learning in Foodservice Management and Clinical Dietetics. Gaining experience in the workforce typically requires working at a supervisor, manager, or director level for a minimum of 6 months. Applicants will have significant and relevant work experiences and will be able to demonstrate what they have done meets the ACEND competencies for dietetic internship programs.

Dietetic interns who wish to apply must:

Frequently Asked Questions

- Obtain work experience within two years of submitting the prior learning materials
- Have paid experience as a clinician, supervisor, manager, or director for a minimum of six months
- Submit a professional portfolio that demonstrates advanced knowledge and competence.

Professional portfolio directions and a competency form will be presented to interns during the onboarding process. Any credit granted will shorten the required hours/length of the internship; however, tuition rates will remain unchanged.

The Dietetic Internship Director will have the final approval on all prior learning experiences credited towards internship hours. Regardless of the amount of food service management or clinical hours granted, interns will be required to attend all class days, conferences, and commencement.

Is there anything I need to send in with my application fee?

No. There are no additional documents that you send in with your application fee. You only need to submit your \$65 application fee. Application fees are non-refundable. The application fee should be paid through the internship website portal located on the 'Apply' page.

Can I do my internship part-time?

Yes. The internship is accredited based on a curriculum with over 1000 hours of practice experience. An intern who needs to complete program hours on a part-time schedule will be accommodated on an individualized schedule in accordance with ACEND standards and the willingness of the location selected to accommodate a part-time dietetic intern.

Can I keep my part-time or full-time job during the internship?

A full-time job is not possible as a full-time dietetic intern. The internship hours are a full work week at 32+ hours. Certain part-time jobs are possible with time management. However, you will be working on projects and supplemental learning activities after work hours and on weekends.

What does the daily schedule look like for an intern?

Interns are expected to complete practice experience with the same work hours as their preceptor. Expect a 32+ hour week during your internship. You will also be expected to complete coursework, projects, and meetings after rotation practice hours and on

Fridays.

Do you accept students with an F-1 Visa?

Yes, but the student must also have an OPT. Aramark will not be able to sponsor an F-1 visa.

Can I come and visit an internship site?

Because the Aramark internship is a distance program with locations spread across the USA, we do not set up students for site visits. Instead, check out our “day in the life” videos and virtual Open House dates to give you a peek at what your internship could be like in clinical rotations and three of our internship sites.

Can I come and visit the internship directors?

The Regional Internship Directors will always be open to talking to you about the internship! Email us at dieteticinternship@aramark.com to set a time for a video call.

What qualities are in a great application?

- A complete application. Don't assume we will look at your resume when your application does not have work and volunteer experience. Take time to fill in all the information asked for in the application.
- Attention to detail. Spelling and grammar errors do not give the application reviewers a good impression of you.
- Accurate breakdown of your GPA. The reviewers consider an application incomplete if they must recalculate your GPA.
- A well-written application letter. Include all the information requested and find a way to make your letter stand out to the reviewers. Make it interesting to read!

What characteristics do you look for in an Aramark intern?

- Self-directed
- Skilled in time management
- Leadership
- Maturity

Do you have a preference on who provides my references?

The program requires three letters of recommendation - one from a professor; one from a work manager or volunteer supervisor; and one from either a professor, work manager, or a volunteer supervisor. No additional recommendation letters are desired.

You will need three references from teachers and work supervisors who really know you and your quality of work. Make sure the people writing your recommendation letters will highly recommend you! Letters that are generic or vague tell us you may not be a match for the Aramark Dietetic Internship.

Will I be notified of an interview?

No, you will need to provide a video interview as part of your application. The video interviews should be recorded. The video length should be 5 minutes or less. Once the video has been recorded, your completed video should be sent to your personal email address. You will need to open the email and copy the video website address. The website address to access the video should then be inserted into your personal statement.

How do I find the Aramark Dietetic Internship in DICAS?

When you reach the Program Designation section in DICAS, you will want to click on "Add New Entry." The DICAS system will then allow you to search for the internship you would like to submit your application. To submit your application to the Aramark internship, you will need to enter "Pennsylvania" in the search box. You will then be able to find Aramark Healthcare+ listed.

Will I have to do anything to prepare for the internship program?

The Regional Internship Directors will schedule a conference call with all interns by December or May (depending on the decision due dates) to review the onboarding requirements. Interns will be provided with information about this call upon acceptance into the program. Following the call, interns will be expected to start completing the onboarding requirements to ensure completion by the start of the program. Onboarding requirements include but are not limited to, a physical examination and purchasing professional liability insurance, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics membership, required references, etc. Interns will also begin a nutrition care process and clinical review in preparation for the upcoming practice experiences.

Interns may have to visit their assigned account to complete hospital orientations or visit with the Employee Health department to ensure their onboarding requirements meet the hospital requirements. These visits are usually scheduled during the months of January and August.

The Aramark Dietetic Internship is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, IL 60606, 1-800-877-1600.