

FDNS 5800, 5910 – PRACTICUM

3 SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT
MINIMUM OF 120 HOURS

SUMMER SEMESTER (FDNS 5800, Dr. Grossman):

8 WEEKS, 15 HOURS PER WEEK

(You can get started early if it's OK with your supervisor and do fewer hours per week – but you still need the same total hours)

FALL/SPRING SEMESTER (FDNS 5910, Dr. Fischer):

15 WEEKS, 8 HOURS PER WEEK

Once you have made the decision to do a practicum, fill out the attached sign up sheet and when a site is found by the instructor, you will be cleared to register for 3 hours of FDNS 5800 or 5910.

POSSIBLE PRACTICUM SITES

DO NOT Contact these preceptors directly. Tell either Dr. Fischer or Dr. Grossman your preferences using the practicum sign-up sheet and they will make the initial contact.

In Athens

St. Mary's Hospital

1 student

Work with clinical inpatient dietitian to counsel patients in hospital

Athens Regional Medical Center

3 students

Work with clinical dietitian (1 student)

Work with diabetes educator (1 student)

Work with outpatient dietitians (1 student)

Landmark Hospital

1 student

Work with clinical dietitian

Cooperative Extension Program

1-2 students

Work with state and local level cooperative extension agents to plan and deliver nutrition programs, write articles and pamphlets for public

Public Health Nutrition

1 student

Work with dietitians and health educators to plan and deliver nutrition programs and observe client counseling in WIC and other clinics

Work with Sports Nutrition at UGA

1 student

Review educational materials on sports nutrition, observe nutrition counseling sessions, observe/participate in team presentations, contribute to the Sports Nutrition Newsletter, help develop educational materials, help with bone scans, and supermarket shopping tours

NOTE: Sites may be less available in summer as some preceptors are mentoring dietetic interns during this time.

Other options for a practicum

Work with dietitian you know elsewhere. You must get permission from the registered dietitian to do a practicum experience. The facility must also agree to allow the practicum. Please provide the name, address and phone number of the dietitian you plan to work with and give this to me, fill out application and turn in to me. I will communicate with the registered dietitian concerning the practicum requirements.

Peer Nutrition Educator Program with University Health Service (Angie Ruhlen and Katherine Ingerson). You must apply for this program. You must attend a class in the Summer and conduct programs during Fall and Spring.

Students who are interested in participating in the program should complete an application online at <http://www.uhs.uga.edu/nutrition/index.html> (this includes the PNE application as well as the faculty recommendation form). Call or email Ms. Angie Ruhlen (2-8690; aruhlen@uhs.uga.edu) or Katherine Ingerson (2-7313; ingerson@uga.edu) if you have any questions.

SIGN-UP SHEET FOR PRACTICUM

This sign-up sheet is a requirement for any practicum (local or out-of-town)

NAME : _____

Student ID # : _____

Phone # : _____

e-mail : _____

Semester and year you want to do practicum _____

1st CHOICE _____

2nd CHOICE _____

For **Fall and Spring Practicums:**

Return to: Dr. Joan Fischer in 390 Dawson Hall (542-7983) jfischer@fcs.uga.edu

For **Summer Practicums:**

Return to Dr. Barbara Grossman in Room 271 (542-4908) bgrossma@fcs.uga.edu

(Interns will be assigned to practicum sites on a first-come, first-served basis except where supervisors interview and make selections)

For **out-of-town** sites, include supervisor's:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail _____

FDNS 5800 OR 5910 DIETETICS PRACTICUM, STEP-BY-STEP

Discuss the site of the practicum with Dr. Fischer (Fall and Spring) or Dr. Grossman (Summer) the site of the practicum and how to contact the supervisor. It is possible for you to arrange the site of the practicum (outside of Athens) provided that you obtain a letter of consent (email) from the person who will supervise your practicum (a Registered Dietitian.)

1. Call the supervisor and arrange a work schedule. Working time should be at least 8 hours per week (in summer – 15 hours per week) 120 hours total.
2. Dr. Fischer (Fall and Spring) or Dr. Grossman (Summer) will meet with the practicum students periodically during the semester to discuss the experiences of the practicum. The time will be arranged at the beginning of the semester.
3. The students are to keep a monthly log of hours and types of activities throughout the practicum.
4. Be sure to call your supervisor if you are not able to be there. You must make up the hours that you miss. Discuss how to do this with the supervisor.

MID-POINT EVALUATION

Student Name: _____

Practicum Site: _____

Date: _____

To be completed by student and supervisor together. Answer these questions about the practicum experiences so far.

1. What did you learn?

2. What went well for you?

3. What would you like to improve?

4. What would you do differently?

Student signature: _____

Supervisor signature: _____

