



DAWG DIgest

Welcome to the inaugural newsletter of UGA's dietetic internship program, the 'Dawg DI'. The vision behind this endeavor is to share the latest news & updates about our program and beyond, spotlight inspiring activities of our interns, preceptors & alumni, and express our heartfelt gratitude for the invaluable contributions of our preceptors ... **YOU!**



CONTACT US:

We love to hear from preceptors, and we appreciate your feedback. If there is something you would like us to highlight, wish to see in this newsletter, or have questions about, send us a note!

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DAWG where we are, TRACKS where we're headed

This past spring/summer, we graduated 5 MS/DI students and 3 PhD/DI students!

They have begun their careers in clinical pediatrics, outpatient, research, academia, and community nutrition!



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Arkansas
Quad Whitson

Florida
Skylar Mercer
Mai Spaulding

Louisiana
Catherine Prater

South Carolina
Eden Crain

Georgia
Julia Lance
Mary McKennon Pierce
Jessica Strosahl



WHO STAYED IN GEORGIA?

Julia Lance, MS, RDN
Program Manager
UGA Cooperative Extension

Mary McKennon Pierce, MS, RDN
Clinical Dietitian
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Jessica Strosahl, PhD, RDN
Post-doctoral Scholar
Emory University School of Medicine



WHAT'S NEW?

NEW INTERNS

Jared
from Western
Carolina
University!



Sloane
from Clemson
University!



Kaylee
from
Michigan
State
University!



Our new cohort of interns is strong & excited about the experiences that await them over the next 2-4 years!

Alyssa
from
University
of Florida!



Julia
from University
of Georgia!



Lauren
from University
of Kentucky!



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NEW SOFTWARE

Our program is using a new software system to help manage internship data. For example, interns can upload assignments, case logs, and time logs for review & feedback by preceptors or faculty. Additionally, interns and preceptors can complete evaluations electronically through a secure portal.

When you are assigned a student, our program director will send more information to help you get oriented.



PRECEPTOR TRAINING



ACEND requires specific training for preceptors on ACEND standards & working with students.

We are required to document your training to maintain accreditation! Thank you for your help!!

Please review the linked training PowerPoint by clicking on the slide above, and contact our Program Director if you have questions.



Starting on Slide 56, you'll find details about required training & the Google Doc to document completion.

ARE YOU **NEW** TO PRECEPTING?

If you are NEW to being a preceptor with our program, we would love to schedule a time to chat, orient you to our program, and answer any questions you have. Please connect with us anytime.

There is also a **FREE** ACEND Preceptor Training Program that may interest you, offering 8 CPEUs if you want some guidance about fitting the preceptor role into your existing duties:



ACEND Preceptor Training Program!





SUMMER ROTATIONS

some highlights...

WHAT ARE SOME FAVORITE MEMORIES
FROM YOUR ROTATIONS?

"Loved working in the UGA Dining Halls! Every day was different; one day, we milked cows, then created recipes, & performed audits the next day!"

"Preceptors were receptive to questions. I didn't feel dumb for asking questions."

"Preceptors were welcoming, answered my questions, went above and beyond, were knowledgeable and intentional with time."

"I was allowed to stretch my creativity. I didn't think I was creative before this."

"Gained independence.....built confidence."

"Learning a lot in a short period of time, I get to see how quickly I can grow."

"Learned how to use charting system and talk with patients - being able to do that independently in just a few weeks!"

"Everything was amazing!"

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 - @ugadieteticinternship
 - @ugafdn
 - No Instagram? View here: <https://www.fcs.uga.edu/fdn/dietetic-internship-photos>
- **Facebook:**
 - <https://www.facebook.com/ugafdn>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094250245845>

- <https://www.fcs.uga.edu/fdn/graduate-ms-thesis-phd>

- CDR allows preceptors to record a total of 15 CPEUs per five-year cycle for precepting and/or leadership. More info here: <https://www.cdrnet.org/cpeu-credit-for-preceptors>

- Create the Handshake Account ([link](#))
- Schedule appointments with an alumni counselor ([link](#))
- Register for upcoming events and webinars ([link](#))
- Asynchronous support for expanding careers or pursuing grad school
 - Job Search Bootcamp ([link](#))
 - Grad School Bootcamp ([link](#))
 - Recorded Webinar ([link](#))
- Other Digital Resources:
 - Job Search : https://career.uga.edu/alumni/job_search
 - Interviewing : <https://career.uga.edu/alumni/interviewing>
 - Resumes & Cover Letters: <https://career.uga.edu/alumni/resumes>
 - Networking: <https://career.uga.edu/alumni/networking>
 - Online Resources : https://career.uga.edu/alumni/alumni_online_resources