



AnnaLisa Hutchinson & Alyssa Guadagni receive Outstanding Dietetics Student Awards from the Georgia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics!

DAWG Digest

Happy Spring! Every spring, we are busy equipping our interns for summer rotations, prepping for upcoming graduations, and processing our newly accepted interns. In this season's newsletter, we share exciting updates and highlight important information and resources we've put together for you!



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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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NEW REGISTERED DIETITIANS!

**Mary Catherine
Prater, PhD, RD**
Post-Doctoral
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Biomedical



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



**Quad Whitson, MS,
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Culinary Nutrition &
Food Safety Program
Associate,
Univ of Arkansas
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Extension

Eden Crain, MS, RD
Clinical Dietitian,
Spartanburg
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System



Julia Lance, MS, RD
UGA Health
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Manager



**Mai Spaulding, PhD,
RD**



**Jessica Strosahl,
PhD, RD**
Postdoctoral
Research Fellow &
Metabolic Dietitian,
Emory School of
Medicine

**Skylar Mercer, MS,
RD**
Clinical Dietitian,
Spartanburg
Regional
Healthcare System



WHAT'S NEW?

PRECEPTOR PORTAL



We designed a new webpage just for Preceptors to connect you to resources and store items and information in a central location. You may access it here: <https://www.fcs.uga.edu/fdn/di-preceptor-portal>

Find information about our program, rotation schedules, evaluations, resources, and using Typhon. You can also view our Preceptor Handbook, program & training information, photos, and more! We will add to it as time allows and needs arise.

TREAT U

Our program has launched a new name and face for our **free** nutrition education services - TreatU! We offer one-on-one and group nutrition education sessions for community members.

This unique experience helps our 2nd-year interns move toward independence, as they practice counseling techniques and manage sessions on their own.

We offer services in fall and spring and meet with clients locally, on campus, at the Clarke Middle Health Center, & virtually through our HIPAA-safe EMR software (Kalix, Inc).

TREATU
NUTRITION EDUCATION

**WE LOVE
REFERRALS!**

Check us out & let us know
if you think we can help
your patients!

<https://www.fcs.uga.edu/fdn/treatu>

WHAT'S NEW?



TYPHON

Yep, it's *still* new. Most of you haven't used it yet. Here is what you will do on our new system:

- Approve Time Logs
- Complete End-of-Rotation Intern Evaluations

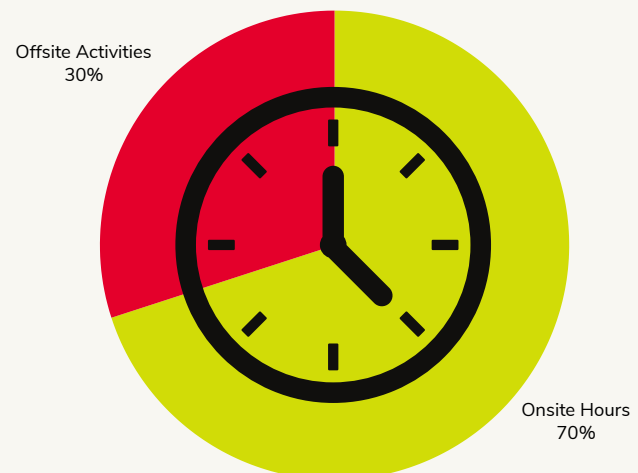
Our program director will send an email to all preceptors with information about login and getting acquainted with the system.

TIME LOGS

Now, preceptors approve weekly **Time Logs** on Typhon for interns. Interns are asked to list any hours *beyond* the typical 40-hour work week (if any) in the description, rather than as a separate Time Log.

Onsite hours = time spent in same location as the preceptor

****ACEND requires 70% of total hours to be onsite** (i.e., in same location as preceptor). Daily travel time to and from the facility does **not** count. *Interns may inquire about special event travel.*



PRECEPTOR TRAINING



ACEND requires specific training for all preceptors.

We must document training of all preceptors to maintain accreditation! Thank you for your helping make this happen!

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



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

*****In preparation of our upcoming re-accreditation site visit, all preceptors must document training by 12/31/2025*****

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!





ROTATION STATION

It is extremely important that our interns get the following experiences in clinical settings!

- Nutrition-Focused Physical Exams
- Risk Assessment
- Point-of-Care Testing (e.g., Measuring Blood Pressure & Glucose)
- Telehealth

WHAT IS CHANGE MANAGEMENT?

Interns are required to participate in change management, which is guiding others through a change, such as changing guidelines in documenting clinical care.



It requires creating a step-wise plan, addressing barriers to change, communicating with stakeholders at each phase of the change, and ensuring successful implementation of that change.

To learn more & help our interns meet this competency, check out resources on our **Preceptor Portal Webpage!**



KEY REMINDERS

Preceptors are **valued MENTOR** to our students, and we entrust that our students' **skills and passion** for dietetics will be strengthened under your mentorship.



Preceptor Roles include:

- Orienting interns to your site and their role
- Supporting social integration into the workplace
- Serving as a resource & consultant to answer their questions & guide to additional resources
- Providing & directing learning experiences
- Creating & maintaining a welcoming, safe & positive learning atmosphere
- Demonstrating knowledge of objectives, materials, policies, procedures, rules, & regulations
- Assisting in setting long- and short-term goals for growth
- Planning assignments based on learning needs
- Communicating learning plans, evaluations, & concerns with interns and the program

KEY REMINDERS

PRECEPTOR APPROVALS & EVALUATIONS:

70%

Hours required to be **onsite** (i.e., in same location as preceptor). Travel time to and from the facility does not count.

30%

Hours acceptable spent doing work offsite related to rotation



Complete Evaluations and approve Time Logs in Typhon



Please adhere to activities listed on Competency Rating Tables or have interns discuss alternative activities with program director.

PRECEPTOR TRAINING:

12/31/25



All preceptors must complete our training by 12/31/2025!

WEBSITE & RESOURCES:



Check out the Preceptor Portal on our website!

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- **Instagram:**
 - @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