NFS 274
Community Practicum
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Course Credits: 1-6 hours, minimum DNFS requirement is 1 credit

Course Summary:
NFS 274 Community Practicum is an opportunity for students to gain professional experience in an area of dietetics that interests them. Students gain the skills to learn, problem solve, think critically and work independently in a real-life work environment under the mentorship of a community supervisor. This course offers the opportunity to learn and demonstrate professionalism.

ACEND Required Core Knowledge (KRDN): The foundation knowledge and skills needed for entry-level dietitians met by the course curriculum are.
KRDN 2.1: Demonstrate effective and professional oral and written communications.
KRDN 2.8 Demonstrate an understanding of the importance and expectations of a professional in mentoring and precepting others.

Course Requirements:
Community experience 45 hours/credit 85 pts
PPT presentation & self-evaluation 10 pts
Professionalism 5 pts
100 points

Course Expectations
• Students will develop an agreed upon contract stating goals, objectives and time commitments with their community supervisor.
• Students will work 45 hours per credit under the direction of a community supervisor.
• Students will create and end of semester PPT presentation and self-evaluation.
• Students will demonstrate professional behavior both at the worksite and with the course instructor. All required paperwork (contract, timesheet, supervisor evaluation, PPT and self-evaluation) will be completed in a timely manner.
• Students will access all course instructions on BB.