**Assessment of Prior Learning**

The University of Northern Colorado Dietetic Internship program participates in the “Assessment of Prior Learning” (APL) recognized by ACEND. Interns with previous experience in a dietetics or related field may apply to reduce the number of hours completed in the foodservice or the community rotation by a maximum of 220 hours.

**Important dates:**

Application due for DI stand-alone: April 20th

Application due for MSDI: Date to be determined.

Notification date: On or before June 1st

**The applicant must meet the following criteria:**

1. Have already been accepted to the MSDI or DI program.
2. Have been employed or have volunteered for a minimum of 500 hours in one position at one facility in a dietetic or related field, within the last 5 years.
3. Schedule at least 80 supervised practice hours in the rotation you are applying for APL.
4. Have a plan in place to secure additional supervised practice hours if APL application is denied.

**Required documents for APL application:**

* 1. *Assessment of Prior Learning Application Competency Checklist.*
  2. *Supervisor Checklist for Assessment of Prior Learning.*
  3. A resume, including all relevant job titles, total hours worked in each position, dates of employment, and responsibilities of employment.
  4. Compile into one PDF.
  5. Send to [dietetic.internship@unco.edu](mailto:dietetic.internship@unco.edu) by the due date.

**Additional information:**

1. The intern must pay full tuition.
2. APL does not change the number of credit hours required.
3. The intern may choose whether to apply APL to the food service rotation OR to the community rotation. Intern cannot split the awarded APL hours between the two.
4. Applications for APL will be reviewed by the Director after an intern has been accepted into the MSDI or DI program.
5. It is the intern’s responsibility to secure additional foodservice or community hours if APL is not approved or partially approved.
6. Final decisions are based on the application requirements.
7. Decisions are final.

**APL does not include:**

1. Clinical or concentration rotations
2. Graduate coursework
3. Classes, capstones, theses, or dissertations
4. Webinars, professional/educational conferences, or meetings
5. Certifications, training, and continuing education coursework
6. Submissions including more than one job or volunteer position
7. Submissions including experience that occurred > 5 years prior to time of application