1. Meet with faculty from the Department of Nutritional Sciences whose research interests appeal to you. Establish whether they may be able to offer a position to you in their research group beginning September. A brief description of faculty members in the Department of Nutritional Sciences and representative papers can be found at: www.utoronto.ca/nutrisci/.

2. Submit an application for the MSc program in the Department of Nutritional Sciences by February 1st. For application procedures and specific inquiries about the graduate program go to http://www.utoronto.ca/nutrisci/graduate/. You should indicate in your cover letter in this application that you are interested in the combined MSc RD program at The Hospital for Sick Children.

3. Submit a completed application package for Dietetic Internship by February 1st. This is the same form that you would use to apply for a regular Dietetic Internship and can be obtained through the Dietitians of Canada (www.dietitians.ca). In the event that you decide to apply for both the regular dietetic internship as well as this MSc RD program at SickKids, please state this in your cover letter and supply only 1 package.

Note: the MSc-RD application does not count towards the maximum 3 choices in the Dietitians of Canada internship application process. It is a separate program.

HOW MSC-RD TRAINEES ARE SELECTED

Eligible applicants need to be admissible to both the MSc program at the University of Toronto, and the internship program at SickKids.

A selection committee of faculty members in the Department of Nutritional Sciences meets to determine your admissibility into the MSc program. Materials that are supplied in your application package to the graduate program in the Department of Nutritional Sciences will detail the academic requirements.

A selection committee of dietitians will evaluate applications based on the following criteria:

- Academic standing: Minimum of a “A-” overall average with a “B” or greater average in each of the following categories: biochemistry, physiology, nutrition
- Relevant previous experiences such as supervising staff, working with dietitians or health professionals
- Good judgment
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Demonstrated time management skills and self-direction
- Demonstrated excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability to work as a member of a team

These qualities are necessary to succeed in our program. The selection committee rates each applicant according to these criteria evidenced through the applicant’s personal letter, confidential reports, work and volunteer experiences and interview.

WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

- The normal workweek is 37.5 hours. Starting hours vary according to the rotation. Extra hours of work will be required to complete reading assignments, case studies and projects.
- Interns are responsible for paying for accident and liability insurance. Dietitians of Canada offers both forms of coverage to qualifying members
- A tuition fee is applied to the dietetic internship program. Please note that the fees are reviewed annually and are subject to change.
- Interns are required to have a health review and the required laboratory tests prior to starting the internship.
- Upon successful completion of the internship program, interns receive a diploma, and are eligible to write the dietetics exam required for membership in The College of Dietitians of Ontario and The Dietitians of Canada.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES (dates apply each year)

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The Combined MSc-RD Program

At The Hospital for Sick Children in affiliation with the Department of Nutritional Sciences, University of Toronto
**THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN**

**SICKKIDS**

The Hospital for Sick Children – affectionately called SickKids – is one of the largest paediatric academic health science centres in the world, with an international reputation for excellence in health care, research, and teaching. As a local hospital, SickKids meets the basic health needs of children who live in the City of Toronto. But more than half of our patients come from outside the city: they come from other parts of Ontario and Canada, and from many countries around the world.

For more than 45 years, the staff of The Hospital for Sick Children Research Institute have carried out research which has impacted child health around the world. Their research activities encompass everything from basic research conducted at the laboratory bench to inquiries made at the bedside and out in the community.

Affiliated with The University of Toronto, SickKids provides education, training, and specialized paediatric training to a variety of healthcare professionals and researchers around the world.

For more information about the hospital go to: www.sickkids.ca

**THE DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL DIETETICS**

The Department of Clinical Dietetics, at SickKids is pleased to continue to offer a combined graduate MSc-RD program in partnership with the Department of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Toronto. This program will provide a unique opportunity for the pursuit of a nutritional science graduate research degree in combination with dietetic education.

**CLINICAL DISEGMENT WORKS CLOSERLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND FOOD SERVICES TO PROVIDE THE OPTIMAL DIETIC EDUCATION PROGRAM. NUTRITION AND FOOD SERVICES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PATIENT FOOD SERVICES, PREPARATION OF SPECIALTY FEEDS INCLUDING MODIFIED HUMAN MILK, ENTERAL FEEDS AND FORMULAS, AND THE CATERING AND CAFÉ SERVICES. THEY HAVE LED THE WAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROTOCOLS FOR COLLECTION, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HUMAN MILK IN AN INSTITUTIONAL SETTING, AND ARE FORWARD THINKERS AND VISIONARIES FOR PATIENT CARE FOOD SERVICE.**

**GRADUATE MSc-RD PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**Program length:** 2.5 years

**Number of interns:** up to 2

**Research (2 years)**

Each intern is responsible for the completion of a thesis based MSc in the Department of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Toronto. The student is required to complete all academic requirements of the MSc program within the department, and the School of Graduate Studies. All students must have a supervisor prior to entry within the program and will normally complete the research component of their program prior to the internship component.

**Orientation (1 week)**

**Clinical Nutrition (16 weeks)**

During these rotations (3 or 4 weeks in length), interns will be exposed to the various specialties of clinical nutrition. As members of the health care team, interns will learn to assess the nutritional status and needs of the paediatric patient; develop, implement, monitor and adjust nutritional care plans and prepare case presentations. Efforts are made to schedule one of the clinical rotations in an adult setting to provide interns the opportunity to observe and take part in nutritional care of patients not encountered in a paediatric centre.

**Food Service Management Area (4 weeks)**

During this rotation, interns work with managers and supervisors in all aspects of departmental operations including menu planning, food and formula purchasing, production, service, and distribution. Interns gain exposure to financial administration of the department.

**Community affiliation (2 weeks)**

This rotation provides interns with the opportunity to gain experience in one of many areas including but not limited to: health promotion, community development, program planning, and food security.

**Clinical Relief (4 weeks)**

Dietetic Interns spend 4 weeks attempting to function as an entry-level dietitian in one to three patient areas. This experience confirms the interns’ ability to practice Dietetics.

**WHY YOUR SHOULD CHOOSE SICKKIDS FIRST**

- Internationally recognized teaching hospital offering a wide range of learning opportunities
- A large and varied offering of clinical programs facilitating the opportunity to follow patients both in the hospital and post-discharge setting.
- Diverse and clinically complex paediatric patient population
- Progressive Department of Nutrition and Food Services
- Committed staff of registered clinical dietitians that are valued team members, are actively engaged in research, and greater than one-third have advanced training
- Progressive Nutrition Support Team
- Opportunities for personal and professional growth

**THE DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL DIETETICS**

The Department of Clinical Dietetics is comprised of a dynamic group of registered dietitians committed to teaching. Our dietitians have mentored dietetic interns for more than 50 years.

The Clinical Dietitians are integral members of the health care team within their respective programs.

The mission of the department is to provide excellence in nutritional care including:

- Nutritional assessment and care of paediatric patients
- Involvement in paediatric nutrition research
- Education of patients, caregivers, staff, and students

**Clinical Nutritional Services**

-参与在各种轮转、研讨会和研讨会，以进一步获得营养学影响的更广泛领域的经验。他们被期望为营养学的影响做出贡献，促进营养学的临床和管理部积极参与各个实习项目。”

- “Dietetic Interns at SickKids attend and participate in various rounds, lectures and seminars to gain further exposure to a wide variety of areas with nutrition implications. They are expected to contribute to, and promote the growth of the Clinical and Administrative Departments by actively participating in all components of the internship program.”