

Master of **Dietetics** **Administration**



Preceptor Newsletter Spring 2023

Preceptor Appreciation

We want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to our preceptors at the Utah State University Dietetic Internship and soon-to-be Master of Dietetics Administration. The guidance and support you provide to students as well as your dedication to teaching and mentoring, is invaluable in shaping the knowledge and skills in the field of nutrition and the future of the profession. Dietetics covers a wide breadth of areas, and your passion for the subject matter and your commitment to helping students succeed are truly inspiring. Your patience, encouragement, and constructive feedback have helped students grow and develop skills in all areas of dietetics.



We know that we speak for many others when I say that we all remember a great preceptor that helped shape us as a professional. We want you to know that your work as a preceptor does not go unnoticed. The impact you make on the life and careers of students is immeasurable. Thank you for your commitment to excellence, your passion for the profession, and for being an outstanding role model and mentor.

Thank you!

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Welcome to the 2023-2024 class

We are thrilled to welcome a new class of dietetics graduate students to Utah State University and the first class of students to the USU Master of Dietetics Administration. A new graduate program under the Future Education Model accreditation standards! These bright and talented individuals come from diverse backgrounds and bring a wide range of experiences to the program. Throughout the program, students will have the opportunity to work closely with MDA, faculty, staff, and preceptors who are leading experts in their fields. Students will complete 1000 hours of supervised experiential learning and a master's degree focused on leadership and management. They will have a wide range of resources to support their learning. We are confident that our new class of graduate students will make meaningful contributions to the field of nutrition and dietetics as well as make a positive impact on the health and well-being of their communities. We look forward to supporting them on their journey and celebrating their successes along the way. Congratulations to our new MDA students!

NDEP HIGHLIGHT

Attending the Spring 2023 NDEP (Nutrition and Dietetic Educators and Preceptors) meeting in Omaha gave us the opportunity to connect with professionals who make a difference and stay up to date on pertinent topics. Education sessions addressed culture and indigenous foods; diversity, equity and inclusion; trauma-informed nutrition; mentoring the next generation of child nutrition leaders; beating burnout, as well as others. Thanks to all who made the in-person meeting happen, as well as Creighton University for hosting us all. The chance to collaborate face to face makes a difference!



DEI Update

The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics has provided DEI training webinars for program faculty, students, and preceptors to meet the 2022 accreditation program requirements. The series of four webinars discuss unconscious bias, debiasing training, cultural competence and cultural humility, and racism in dietetics practice. The webinars are free and provide 1.5 CPEUs each. <https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/about-acend/diversity-equity-and-inclusion>