

## Rotation Descriptions and Hours Overview

Below you will find a general overview of expected hours and a general description for each rotation. Each rotation is based on a 32 hour per week supervised experiential learning schedule.

**Total Supervised Experiential Learning (SEL): 1024 hours; competency based.**

### Patient Services Management Rotation: 32 hours (1 week)

You will spend 32 hours in patient services usually prior to starting your clinical rotations. The patient services rotation serves as an introduction for you to learn how patients order and receive meals, and how the diet office or call center functions as the hub of the food and nutrition services department. As part of this rotation, you will spend time with a patient services or operations manager.

### Clinical Rotation: 448 hours (14 weeks)

This rotation consists of hospital-based experiences, where you will conduct nutrition assessments, provide counseling and education, and practice clinical leadership skills with a variety of patients and disease states. You will be expected to perform with increasing competence and independence through the course of the rotation. You will provide staff relief for dietitians in your assigned practice site upon successful completion of the clinical rotation. Staff relief provides you with an opportunity to practice your patient care, clinical skills, as well as leadership skills in managing your own patient care workload.

### Clinical Nutrition Management Rotations: 32 hours (1 week)

You will spend 32 hours in clinical nutrition management during or after your clinical rotation. As part of this rotation, you will spend time with the clinical nutrition manager or lead dietitian, experiencing the interconnection between the clinical nutrition unit, the hospital community, and administration. Some activities that you will experience include participation in hospital-wide and department committees, participation in writing the clinical or diet office schedule and/or the clinical staffing model, facilitating a clinical, diet office, or department staff meeting, reviewing policies and procedures related to federal regulatory compliance, and working on a performance improvement quality assurance project.

### Long-Term Care Rotation: 32 hours (1 week)

In a long-term care site, you will become familiar with the procedures and forms that are required by state and federal mandates and learn about the dietitian's role in providing nutrition care as part of an interdisciplinary health care team. You will notice the differences in care, treatment and philosophy of the acute care found in hospitals and that of resident centered care found in long term care settings.

### **Foodservice Management Rotation: 160 hours (5 weeks)**

During your foodservice management rotation, you will learn how a foodservice operation functions and will begin to develop leadership and management skills through observation and practice. You will gain experience in production, purchasing, inventory control, food safety and sanitation, human resource management, patient and customer food services, quality assurance, finance, sustainability, and retail operations. You may complete this rotation at your clinical site, or at one of Sodexo's corporate, campus, or K-12 school facilities, which will give you the opportunity to experience management in a non-healthcare setting.

### **Community Rotation: 160 hours (5 weeks)**

Throughout your community rotation you will spend time in a variety of community settings working with different age groups and populations. You will become familiar with community and public health opportunities available and gain proficiency in providing nutrition counseling and education in an outpatient or community setting, with both individuals and groups.

### **Specialty Rotation: 160 hours (5 weeks)**

You will spend 5 weeks completing one of our ten specialty rotations. Your specialty rotation choice will depend on your interest and availability of resources in your geographic region. This rotation allows you to focus on a specific area of interest and provides individuality for your learning experience.