

**COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**FCS 579: LABORATORY AND FIELD EXPERIENCE IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES**

**CREDIT HOURS: 3**

**SEMESTER: Spring 2008**

**(Dietetic Practicum) Class meets:** Academic Building II: Room 201

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**COURSE OBJECTIVE:**

This course is composed of a supervised instruction as part of the Dietetics Internship (DI) program. The student must be enrolled in the Graduate Program in Family and Consumer Sciences- Dietetics to receive credit. Class members will rotate among various preceptor sites in accordance with the prescribed curriculum (see schedules). Upon completion of three enrollments of this course, the student should have acquired the ability to:

1. Enter successfully into an entry-level position as a generalist dietician.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of nutritional support in clinical settings, food service systems management, community nutrition and research.
3. Demonstrate commitment to continuing education and participation in professional organizations.
4. Develop specific skills, competencies, and point of view needed by professionals in the field of dietetics and dietetics practice.
5. Acquire skills in working with others as a member of a healthcare team.
6. Learn to apply factual knowledge to improve thinking, problem solving and decision making skills.

**Attendance Policy:**

Students are expected to attend class sessions. Only University-recognized excuses will be accepted. See information as described in the Internship handbook.

**Student Syllabus Guidelines:** You may find online a more detailed description of the following policies. These guidelines will also provide you with a link to the specific university policy or procedure: <http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/>

**Academic Dishonesty:** Students are expected to maintain honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. *See Student Syllabus Guidelines.*

**Classroom Rules of Conduct:** Students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment that is conducive to learning. Students are to treat faculty and students with respect. Students are to turn off all cell phones while in the classroom. Under no circumstances are cell phones or any electronic devices to be used or seen during times of examination. Students may tape record lectures provided they do not disturb other students in the process.

**Student Absences on Religious Holy Days:** Students are allowed to miss class and other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Students remain responsible for all work. *See Student Syllabus Guidelines.*

**Students with Disabilities Policy:** It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should visit with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Counseling Center. *See Student Syllabus Guidelines.*

**Visitors in the Classroom:** Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the professor. In all cases, visitors must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. Students wishing to audit a class must apply to do so through the Registrar's Office.

#### **COURSE FORMAT:**

This course will consist of rotations to various preceptor sites in the areas of clinical nutrition, food service systems management, community nutrition, and research.

#### **COURSE OUTLINE:**

Facilities used for supervised practice shall provide learning experiences compatible with the competencies students are expected to achieve.

#### ***Clinical Nutrition Rotation Sites:***

- Huntsville Memorial Hospital
- Conroe Regional Medical Center
- Cornerstone Specialty Hospital
- Memorial Hermann Hospital (The Woodlands)
- St. Luke's Community Hospital (The Woodlands)

- Tomball Regional Hospital
- Triumph Healthcare
- Texas Children Hospital
- Davita (Renal)

***Community Nutrition Rotation Sites:***

- Head Start (GETCAP): Trinity, ColdSpring, and Huntsville, Texas
- Senior Center of Walker County, Huntsville, Texas
- Walker County Extension Systems
- Sam Houston State University Health Center
- WIC UTMB – Huntsville
- Other Community involvement as assigned by Director.

***Food Service Management Rotation Sites:***

- Huntsville Memorial Hospital
- Conroe Regional Medical Center
- Cornerstone Specialty Hospital
- Huntsville Independent School District
- Montgomery Independent School District
- Memorial Hermann Hospital (The Woodlands)
- Tomball Regional Hospital
- Triumph Healthcare

***Research Rotation Sites:***

- Research will be conducted in the area of clinical dietetics or food service management in university, hospital and community settings. Topics will be determined by current needs, student interests and research director approval.

**COURSE EVALUATION:**

Students will be evaluated in many ways throughout the semester as follows:

- at each preceptor site;
- mid-semester one-on-one with the Director;
- using a portfolio system compiled and submitted at the end of the semester and
- Final rotation examination at the end of the semester.

**Grading Policy:**

Portfolio

100 points = 40%

Other Assignments	300 points = 10%
Class attendance	50 points = 10%
Final Examination	150 points = 20%
Evaluations from Preceptors	200 points = 20%

<b>A</b>	=	90 -100
<b>B</b>	=	80 - 89.95
<b>C</b>	=	70 - 79.95
<b>D</b>	=	60 – 69.95
<b>F</b>	=	Below 60

**\*Other rules governing the Internship Program is found in student handbook.**