

Things to keep in mind as you select preceptors and facilities:

See “Examples of Supervised Practice Sites” for suggested facilities and agencies with which you might complete the required supervised practice component of the internship.

Plan to have at least 2 RD preceptors to participate with the Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) rotations and at least 1 RD preceptor to participate with the Community Nutrition (COM) rotations. You may or may not have an RD preceptor to participate with the Management (FSM) rotation.

You may have as few as 2 facilities to complete all of the required supervised practice components of the internship or you may have 5 or more. This will depend on your location and the available opportunities.

You may have as few as 3 RD preceptors or you may have more than 20. This will depend on your location and the size of the different facilities with whom you participate.

These are criterion to consider as you identify facilities for the MNT rotations:

- At least one of the MNT facilities should be JACHO accredited.
- Each facility should be currently accredited by the appropriate agency—such as JACHO or the state.
- Each facility should be licensed for at least 50 bed inpatient census.
- Each facility should have at least 2 RDs who work with MNT patient care.
- Talk with your contact persons to identify facilities where the advanced practice rotations might occur. These topic areas include Pediatrics, Renal, and Nutrition Support. It is not uncommon to complete most of the MNT rotations in one facility, then intern at other facilities to complete the advanced topic areas.

As you identify facilities for the COM rotation, keep in mind:

- Interns are required to complete at least 4-5 days in an actual WIC clinic.
- Interns complete a service learning project during the COM rotation. This project can occur in a many different types of facilities and agencies such as: public health department, WIC agency, Elderly Care facility, a corporate setting and so on. Thus interns are not required to spend the entire COM rotation at a WIC agency.
- The COM preceptors may include other professionals than RDs for preceptors... consider RNs, social workers and so on.

As you identify facilities for the FSM rotation, keep in mind:

- There may not be an RD on staff for you to intern with however there will be appropriate professionals such as the department director or the head supervisor.
- If you have selected a smaller facility, it may be necessary for you to complete a portion of this rotation in another facility.