

Dietetic Internships (DI) Frequently Asked Questions

Part III. Post-Application Due Date, Notification Day and Second Round Matching

General Comments: This section addresses questions related to what happens after the application is submitted, and what options the student has if he/she does not receive a “matched” to a DI Program on “Notification Day”.

Q: Can applicants receive matches to more than one DI Program?

A: No. Applicants only be matched to ONE DI program.

Q: When and how Do I find Out if I have Matched to a DI Program?

A: Match/No Match results happens on “**Notification Day**”. See the *Timeline* link on DandD for the date of Notification Day. Results will be posted on DandD at www.danddigital.com at 6:00 pm CDT. This is the **only source** of notification for applicants.

Applicant will login to Dand D on Notification Day to view the results. Each applicant will receive either **ONE Match**, or **NO Match** after log in.

All applicants who are MATCHED will find the matched DI Program name and contact information to accept the appointment. The DI Program will assume that you will accept the MATCH. Matched applicants **must contact** the DI program by *Appointment Day* to confirm the acceptance of the MATCH.

Applicants who received NO MATCH will be given other instructions.

Q: What is Appointment Day?

A: Matched applicants **must contact** the Dietetic Internship program by telephone, FAX or email **on or before** 6:00 pm (time zone of the DI program) on the **Appointment Day** to confirm the acceptance of the MATCH. After this time, the program is under no obligation to hold the opening for the matched applicant.

Use the **Timeline Link** on DandD to find the date and day of Notification Day.

Q: What happens if I do not receive a match to a DI program?

A: You have several options. You can:

(i) **Apply to DI Programs with openings.** Dietetic Internships with Openings that chose to have their *name released* will be posted on D&D Digital website links, beginning on dates shown on links for Spring and Fall Timelines. Applicants who did not match and Dietetic Internship Directors with openings may contact each other.

Note: This time period is commonly referred to as “**Second Round Matching**”. There are instructions on Second Round matching on DandD, and this is a very short time period. If you intent to participate and apply to DI Programs with openings, please do this as quickly as possible. DI Programs with openings will have additional application information on the program website, so read carefully.

(ii) **Apply to an Individualized Supervised Practice Pathways (ISPP) program.** A list of ISPP programs may be found on the ACEND website (www.eatright.org/ACEND). You will need to contact the ISPP program directly to determine the eligibility requirements and application process (or see the ISPP program website).

(iii) **Re-apply during future computer matching period.** A new application and DI ranking is required for each Spring and Fall matching period. Some of the items you have previously submitted on DICAS only may be reused if desired. DICAS provides information and instructions when you re-applying on DICAS.

Q: What is Individualized Supervised Practice Pathways (ISPPs)?

A: In September 2011, the Academy of Dietetics and Nutrition announced the development of Individualized Supervised Practice Pathways or ISPPs (“ispeys”) which are intended to add supervised practice capacity through ACEND-accredited dietetics program, while providing student protections missing from unaccredited models of the past. This approach provides a framework that can align the availability of supervised practice with demand from DPD students who hold verification statements, thereby laying the foundation for addressing supervised practice shortages. Successful completion of ISPP leads to the eligibility for the registration examination.

Q: What if I do not get a match during Second Round matching period?

A: You have several options. You can:

- (i) Reapply during the next computer matching period.
- (ii) Consider applying to a graduate program. Perhaps apply to a graduate program that has DI program.
- (iii) See employment to gain additional experiences. There are nutrition-related jobs that do not require you have the “R.D” credential to apply and work; such as WIC, Public Health Departments, Child Nutrition program, Extension Office, USDA/FDA, Food sales, Diet Technician, Health Inspectors, etc. However, this may vary slightly from state-to-state.

Q: How long is the Second Round Matching Process?

A: When Second Round matching begins (see Timeline dates on DandD), you will be able to see the list of DI programs that have vacant slots (unfilled) when you login to DandD. You can apply to as many DI programs as you want. Each DI program with a vacancy will have some information, and instructions on

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their website, so read it carefully. In most cases, the DI programs will accept the information that you have already submitted on DICAS.

DI programs will be trying to fill their vacant slots quickly, and many will accept applicants on a “*first-come*” basis. Therefore, you need to work quickly during Second Round matching if you are interested in participating in the process.

Q: How will I find out if I am accepted during Second Round?

A: The DI program with vacancy that you applied to will contact you directly to inform you, if selected. The information will not be posted on DandD.