

Dear Potential Preceptor:

Thank you for your consideration to work with one of our University of Alabama (UA) food and nutrition students this summer. At UA we have two accredited programs by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) and a Coordinated Program in Dietetics (CPD). We also have a number of students in our Nutrition Sciences concentration (NS) who are preparing to enter into a professional health program after graduation. All students in these three different tracks complete an independent directed professional study (NHM 491) after their junior year.

This directed professional study (NHM 491) requires that the student:

- Identify a facility and preceptor to complete his/her professional study.
- Complete a minimum of 160 (DPD & NS) or 200 (CP) hours.
- Complete 4 required program objectives
  - Student will make a minimum of 2 presentations during the professional study.
  - Discuss the importance and list the expectations of a professional in mentoring and precepting others.
  - Explain the interdisciplinary role of a healthcare team by discussing the roles of each team (minimum of 3 team members), the roles and responsibilities of each team member, and how collaboration is accomplished in the in the delivery of care and services.
  - Identify the different types of cultural issues of the facility and target population served, and demonstrate an ability to recognize and work appropriately within the culture.
- Identify and propose a minimum of five additional learning objectives based on his/her interest and appropriate for the facility
- If applicable, students are responsible for meeting any additional facility requirements.

As a preceptor, we ask that you serve as their guide and assist them as appropriate during his/her professional student. We also ask that you complete a mid-point and a final evaluation on the student. Mrs. Lori Greene and Mr. Alvin Niuuh are always available if you have any questions before, during or after regarding the student or the directed professional study experience.

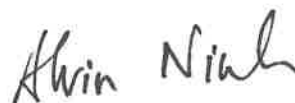
If you have questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



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