

No new funds requested.
See previous narrative.

Date: January 20, 2005

To: Academic Affairs Committee

From: James Carter, Chair Graduate Curriculum Committee
Sandra Groves, Director of Graduate Studies

RE: Executive Summary – Sequence in Dietetic Internship for the M.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences

The Sequence in Dietetic Internship formalizes a program currently available as a concentration within the Master of Science (MS) program in Family and Consumer Science. Concentrations are only advisory. Changing this to a sequence through the curricular process will cause requirements to be specifically stated in the Graduate Catalog and the name of the sequence will appear on the student’s transcript. This program is fully accredited by the American Dietetic Association’s Commission for Accreditation of Dietetics Education (CADE). The accreditation requirements limit the program to 10 students in an incoming cohort.

All of the courses are currently being offered. The only change between the concentration and the sequence is to increase FCS 417 from 3 to 4 credits and to establish FCS 402 as repeatable.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE PROGRAMS
REQUEST FOR NEW PROGRAM APPROVAL
(Reporting of Financial Implications)

Purpose: Proposed new graduate programs (degrees, sequences, certificates) must include information concerning how the program will be financially supported to proceed through the curriculum proposal process. Signatures of the College Dean and Provost/Provost Representative are required prior to submission of the new program to the College Curriculum Committee.

Procedure: This completed form, with all necessary signatures, is to be attached to new program curricular proposals.

Definition: A “program” at the graduate level can be either a degree, a sequence as part of a degree, or a graduate-level certificate (Graduate Certificate, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, or Post-Master’s Certificate).

Complete the following information:

Department: _____ Family and Consumer Sciences _____ Date: _____ 10-05-04 _____

Proposed New Program: _____ Dietetic Internship Sequence _____

Person Completing Form: _____ Dr. Connor Walters – Chair _____ Contact #: _____ 8-2517 _____

Complete Table I to show student enrollment projections for the program.

Table I
STUDENT ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS FOR THE NEW PROGRAM

	1st Year (July – June)	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	5th Year
Number of Program Majors (Fall headcount)	20	20	20	20	20
Annual Full-Time-Equivalent Majors	15	15	15	15	15
Annual Credit Hours in EXISTING Courses ¹	330	330	330	330	330
Annual Credit Hours in NEW Courses ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Annual Number of degrees Awarded	10	10	10	10	10

¹Include credit hours generated by both majors and non-majors in courses offered by the academic unit directly responsible for the proposed program.

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A SUBDIVISION OF A DEGREE

1. **Institution:** Illinois State University
2. **Responsible Department/School or Administrative Unit:**
 - Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
3. **Proposed Program Title:** Dietetic Internship Sequence
4. **Previous Program Title:** N/A
5. **CIPS Classification:** N/A
6. **Proposed Date of Initiation:** August, 2005
7. **Description of Proposed Program or Name Change:**

A proposal to convert the existing accredited Masters Degree/Dietetic Internship Program in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences to a formal sequence. The curriculum for the newly proposed sequence will be essentially the same as it has been since the inception of the program with only minor revisions reflecting the allowed repetition of FCS 402 and the proposed course revision for FCS 417 increasing that course from 3 credit hours to 4 credit hours.

REQUIRED COURSES (hours):

FCS 401 (3)
 FCS 497 (3)
 FCS 445 (3)
 FCS 417 (4) – Course Revised
 FCS 420 (3)
 FCS 402 (2) – Course may be repeated and is required to be repeated for
 FCS 402 (2) students in the Dietetic Internship
 Elective (3)
 FCS 498 Internship Rotations (6)
 § FCS 498.01 Community Rotation – 2 hours
 § FCS 498.02 Medical Nutrition Therapy Rotation – 2 hours
 § FCS 498.03 Foodservice Management Rotation – 2 hours
 FCS 499 Thesis (minimum 4)

Students electing the non-thesis option must complete 10 additional hours of graduate coursework with FCS 424 as the culminating experience.

8. Rational for Proposal:

Currently the Dietetic Internship concentration program is fully accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Dietetics Education [CADE]; the American Dietetic Association's accrediting agency for education programs preparing students for careers as registered dietitians. All students desiring to sit for the registration examination to become a registered dietitian must complete a post-baccalaureate supervised practice experience with a minimum of 900 contact hours. The Dietetic Internship program at Illinois State University received developmental accreditation in December of 1996. The program utilized the developmental accreditation status to its full potential. On-going program evaluation actively involved preceptors and an established Advisory Board. Through this process the need for additional professional practice sites was identified. Furthermore, the program was required to meet new competency standards established by CADE in 1998 before the completion of a self-study of the program with a subsequent site visit in 2000 which resulted in the awarding of a 10-year full accreditation status by CADE.

A primary element of the MS/RD program is that all students must complete graduation requirements to receive a Verification Statement confirming completion of the supervised practice portion of the program for eligibility to take the national registration exam. All students enrolled in the MS/RD program are matched through a national matching system which limits students to placement in only one program. The Dietetic Internship program has been designed for the preparation of professional scholars in a variety of position in clinical dietetics, community nutrition, and food service management.

The program is currently accredited by CADE for a maximum of 10 students in each class. The 21-month program has been designed to enable students to complete the majority of their coursework during semesters one and two, while completion of the rotations are arranged for semesters three, four, and five. During the last portion of the program students are able to complete the non-thesis option or thesis projects, and the required seminar course. Currently there are 15 students enrolled in the program having earned undergraduate degrees representing eight universities from five states. The nationwide match date is April 15th with applications required February 15th.

Given the historical success of the Masters Degree/Dietetic Internship offered by the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences and its accepted curriculum based upon accreditation standards, establishing a specific sequence for the program would be appropriate and advantageous. As a sequence, graduates of the Dietetic Internship would have greater recognition, via transcript identification, in the profession as a combined program. Identification as a sequence recognizes the integrity of the established curriculum which such a program requires, eliminating any confusion by those individuals who are interested in pursuing a FCS graduate degree with an emphasis on foods, nutrition, and dietetics who may already be registered dietitians or who plan to pursue a related career path.

9. Expected Impact of Proposal on Existing Campus Programs:

Based upon the fact that the proposed new sequence has been an established program in the department for over five years it will not impact any existing campus programs.

10. Curricular Change Including New Courses:

The proposed sequence is based upon the established core curriculum of the graduate program in Family and Consumer Sciences as well as those courses that best meet the accreditation needs for the dietetic interns. The only exception is the FCS 417 – Advanced Medical Nutrition Therapy course which is being proposed to change from 3 credit hours to 4 credit hours.

11. Anticipated Staffing Arrangements:

No new staffing arrangements are needed with the approval of the proposed Dietetic Internship sequence.

12. Anticipated Funding Needs and Sources of Funds:

No additional funding is needed.

PROPOSED CATALOG COPY

Master's Degree in Family and Consumer Sciences

Program Requirements

[Reference to “Illinois State University offers an American Dietetic Association accredited internship” in old copy will be removed and the new copy will have its own heading and text following Program Requirements as indicated below.]

Sequence in Dietetic Internship

Illinois State University offers an American Dietetic Association accredited Dietetic Internship program (21 month experience) as a sequence in the M.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences. The thesis option is 33 hours and the non-thesis option is 39.

In addition to the 9 credit degree core (FCS 401, 445, and 497), additional sequence requirements include: FCS 417 (4 hrs), 420 (3 hrs), 402 (2 hrs which may be repeated for a total of 4 credits), 6 hours of Internship Rotations (FCS 498), 3 hours of electives, and FCS 499 (minimum of 4 hours if using the thesis option) or an additional 10 hours of graduate coursework for the non-thesis option with FCS 424 as the culminating experience.

Successful completion of the master's degree requirements, in conjunction with the supervised practice experience, are required to earn an ADA Verification Statement necessary for applying to take the registration examination. In addition to Illinois State Graduate Program application requirements, potential candidates must also follow the American Dietetic Association application guidelines. All applications must be received by the February 15th deadline for the April match. The graduate internship at Illinois State University is currently accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education of The American Dietetics Association, 102 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago IL 60606-6995; 888-877-1600.

