

ADVISEMENT TIMELINE

FOR SUCCESS IN COMPETING FOR A DI MATCH

THROUGHOUT EACH YEAR CONTINUE TO:

- Focus on learning course content and achieving good grades
- Build your resume
- Expand your portfolio - See the DPD Handbook, pg. 23 for more information.
- Seek related work, volunteer, and dietitian shadowing experiences in a variety of settings
- Consider undergraduate research
- Apply for relevant scholarships
- Attend professional meetings such as the Academy Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo (FNCE) in October and the Texas Academy Annual Conference and Expo (ACE) in April

FRESHMAN YEAR

1

- Take time to get to know Advisors and Faculty
- Get involved in extracurricular activities. Such as the Nutrition and Dietetic Association (NDA) or other clubs & community service projects
- Become a student member of professional organizations and attend annual meetings. Such as The Academy, Texas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (The Texas Academy), and Texas Student Dietetic Association (TSDA)

SOPHOMORE YEAR

2

- Seek leadership roles in clubs, organization, or community service projects
- Consider internship opportunities to gain experience and build your resume (example: Frito Lay, Camp Tejas, Ronald McDonald Camp, etc.)
- Start investigating potential DI programs
- Prepare to take the GRE. See ETS GRE for fee details

JUNIOR YEAR

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- Consider membership in Academy Dietetic Practice Groups (DPGs) to explore your interests and enhance your professional network
- Actively evaluate DI programs - Use available resources and attend DI open houses; DPD students should have a good idea of potential DI programs to apply by the end of the spring semester of your junior year
- If the GRE® has not been taken - take it no later than the summer between your junior and senior year
- Submit the DI Intent to Apply Form by May 30th (one year prior to application to a DI). See DPD Handbook, pg. 45

SENIOR YEAR

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- Re-attend open houses and/or revisit programs you are planning to apply.
- Apply for The Texas Academy Foundation (by November), The Academy Foundation (by February) and TSDA scholarships. Note: you must be a student member of The Academy to apply.
- Apply for DI programs by designated deadlines.