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Dear Dallas Area Dietetic Intern:

Congratulations on your recent appointment to the Baylor, Presbyterian or Medical City Dietetic Internship in Dallas, Texas! You are to be commended on your past accomplishments, and we look forward to the contributions you will make to the profession of dietetics in the future.

**One of the many benefits these programs offer is earning graduate credit for your dietetic internship experience.** No extra work or assignments are required to receive the graduate credit – you just have to register for the courses! Your Dietetic Internship Director has made an agreement with Texas Woman’s University to make this benefit possible. Graduate credit is earned for completing the dietetic internship program. This graduate credit should be recognized at any major university, including TWU, provided you choose a graduate degree related to the field of nutrition, dietetics or a closely related area of study. Interested interns must register for the graduate credit before the semester begins and are responsible for paying the tuition and fees associated with the graduate course. The benefit is only available when students are enrolled in their dietetic internship program, not after the dietetic internship program is completed. Therefore, you must enroll either this fall and/or spring to receive this credit. *New this year!* Dietetic interns are now eligible for up to nine (9) graduate credit hours for competency training in their dietetic internship program. If you plan to earn your master’s degree at TWU, you should begin your master’s within one year of completing your dietetic internship program.

The Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences at TWU currently offers two master’s degrees that can be earned by dietetic interns. Continuing in the graduate degree program allows interns to take courses in either the traditional or online formats. These degrees are: M.S. in Nutrition (traditional or online formats) and M.S. in Exercise and Sports Nutrition (interdepartmental degree). Our master’s degrees have two research/project areas from which to choose:

 Thesis option (minimum 30 hour program which includes a thesis)

 Coursework option (minimum 36 hour program which includes a capstone seminar)

 **If students are interested in taking advantage of graduate credit, please select the appropriate option and complete the admission process according to the criteria below. This credit is only available during your DI program – not after you have finished the program, so be sure to register for it now!**

**DI Graduate Credit Option #1: (UP to Nine (9) graduate credit hours; NO Financial Aid needed)**

Students can earn these graduate credit hours either in the fall semester, spring semester or both semesters. This will be your choice. If students are interested in applying for this benefit and do not need Financial Aid, please submit the following to the Office of Student Records, Texas Woman’s University, P.O. Box 425649, Denton, TX 76204:

1. Log on to the TWU website at [www.twu.edu](http://www.twu.edu), select “Graduate Admissions”, and complete the Texas Common Application form (<https://www.applytexas.org/>. (Select non-degree seeking graduate student category).
2. Pay the $50.00 application fee online.
3. Submit an official transcript showing your conferred bachelor’s degree.
4. Open your Portal Account to allow you access to the TWU computer system to register for the courses.

Note: At a later date, if students are interested in completing one of the master’s degrees offered by the NFS department, they will need to submit Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores to TWU Office of Student Records.

**DI Graduate Credit Option #2. (Up to Nine (9) graduate credit hours; SEEKING Financial Aid)**

In order to be eligible for Financial Aid, students must be degree-seeking (claim a degree choice) and register for a minimum of six credit hours during that semester. Therefore interns will register for two sections of NFS 5813 (6 hours) in order to receive Financial Aid either during the fall semester OR spring semester (your choice). If you desire to have Financial Aid for the fall and spring semesters, you must register for six graduate credits each semester.

Submit the following to the Office of Student Records, Texas Woman’s University, P.O. Box 425649, Denton, TX 76204:

1. Log on to the TWU website at [www.twu.edu](http://www.twu.edu), select “Graduate Admissions”, and

 complete the Texas Common Application form, (<https://www.applytexas.org/>.

 (Select degree seeking graduate student and list the degree of your interest (Nutrition or

 Exercise and Sports Nutrition).

2. Pay the $50.00 application fee online.

3. Submit original transcripts for ALL college work including your conferred bachelor’s degree.

4. Submit Graduate Record Exam scores.

1. Open your Portal account to allow access to the TWU computer system to register for coursework.
2. Apply for Financial Aid – see the TWU Financial Aid web page at [www.twu.edu/finaid/](http://www.twu.edu/finaid/).

**Registering for Graduate Credit:**

When the application process has been completed, students will register online at [www.twu.edu](http://www.twu.edu) and clicking on **Pioneer Portal**. Interns will register for **NFS 5813**, Internship in Nutrition Care, sections 30, 31, and/or 32 for Baylor interns; and 40, 41 and/or 42 for Presbyterian and Medical City interns.

**Cost of Tuition and Fees:**

Cost of tuition and fees for graduate credit can be located on the Office of the Bursar website at: [www.twu.edu/bursar/](http://www.twu.edu/bursar/). Please review the website for additional information. Current tuition rates for Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 are as follows (Additional fees may apply):

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|  | **3 Graduate Credit Hours** | **6 Graduate Credit Hours** | **9 Graduate Credit Hours** |
| **Resident** |  $ 1,443 | $ 2,592 | $ 3,668 |
| **Non-Resident** |  $ 2,688 | $ 5,082 | $ 7,403 |

**Thinking Ahead - Scholarships Available:**

**Students planning to** **attend TWU full time after completion of the dietetic internship are encouraged to apply for academic scholarships each spring. Students who receive $1,000.00 in university sponsored academic scholarships pay in-state tuition rates for the following academic year. For further information, go to:** [**https://twu.academicworks.com**](https://twu.academicworks.com) **or the TWU Pioneer Scholarship System.**

I will be happy to answer any questions students may have regarding graduate programs or the details of this benefit offered by your dietetic internship program. Again, congratulations on your internship appointment and welcome to Dallas!

**Final Note: If you wish to take advantage of this graduate credit benefit, please start the process ASAP and contact me so that I can follow your admission to TWU and help you along the way! Though the fall admission deadline is listed as June 15, your application wil still be accepted and processed!**

Sincerely,



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