

DIPLOMA IN DIETETIC EDUCATION & PRACTICAL TRAINING

The Diploma in Dietetic Education & Practical Training is a one-year professional, post-degree program for graduates with an honors degree in Foods and Nutrition from a Dietitians of Canada (DC)/Partners for Dietetic Education and Practice (PDEP) accredited university program in Canada.

The Diploma is accredited under PDEP and prepares students for registration with a dietetics regulatory body (<http://www.pdep.ca>).

This innovative Diploma is a comprehensive internship program that combines the rich learning experiences of academic courses with extensive hands-on practical training to prepare you for a career as a Registered Dietitian.

DEVELOP COMPETENCIES

The Diploma program is based in the School of Food & Nutritional Sciences at Brescia University College, an affiliate of Western University and located in London, Ontario. Brescia offers bold opportunities for you to live up to your potential and develop critical, ethical and professional skills for your career as a Registered Dietitian. When you choose Brescia, you choose an education and internship that prepare you to develop your voice and confidence to become a leader in the field of dietetics..

GAIN EXPERIENCE

Students in the Diploma program have the advantage of pre-placement courses designed to complement and enhance the learning experiences of internship placements. As a student and intern, you have opportunities to engage in a variety of high calibre placements throughout Ontario and beyond. These practica support you in developing and acquiring the Integrated Competencies for Dietetic Education and Practice (ICDEP).

PROGRAM FAST FACTS

- The Diploma is accredited by PDEP. Graduating students are eligible to write the Canadian Dietetic Registration Exam and practice as registered dietitians.
- Graduates of the Diploma Program are awarded with a professional diploma from Western University.
- Driver's license and access to a vehicle are required as travel and/or relocation within the placement region is essential for some placements.
- Costs include: tuition/ancillary and program fees for three terms; Dietitians of Canada student membership, professional liability and accident insurance; and placement fees.
- This program is approved for OSAP funding. Students can apply through www.ontario.ca/osap to determine eligibility.

“The research the intern produced was immeasurably valuable to the diabetes clinic”

Shaylin Kemmerling, RD
Bluewater Health

The Diploma program offers you a unique opportunity to start your post-graduate dietetic training in May. Not only do you start early, but you also complete the program one year later (in April). This allows you to start pursuing your career as a Registered Dietitian earlier.



WHY BRESCIA?

- Advanced post-graduate courses
- Wide variety of internship placements
- Early Spring start date

Intensive and highly interactive post-graduate courses bridge the gap between your academic courses and an exciting internship. The pre-placement courses in the Diploma program are designed to complement and build on the skills and knowledge you obtained from your Foods and Nutrition undergraduate degree and enhance your practical and professional skills. You are well prepared to optimize the hands-on learning experience during internship placements.

A wide variety of internship placements are available throughout Southwestern and other regions of Ontario. You have opportunities to learn and discover the unique nutrition and healthcare issues facing Canadians today and work with highly qualified preceptors, who are dedicated to supporting your learning and growth. The competency-based placements occur in a wide variety of practice areas including work in:

- Clinical nutrition care, such as hospitals, family health teams, community health centres or long term care facilities
- Health promotion and population health (public health units, family health teams, community health centres)
- Food service management
- Wide variety of research projects
- Government
- Food and nutrition industry
- Professional organizations and associations

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Undergraduate degree from dietetic education program accredited under DC/PDEP (From 2014 or later)
- Minimum GPA of 70% in final two years of undergraduate nutrition program or last 10 full-course equivalents (FCE)
- No single grade below 60% in any core/required undergraduate, FCE, transfer, or distance course
- Relevant work and/or volunteer experience in dietetics
- Completion of application package
- Submission of class G2 driver's license (or equivalent)
- In-person interview process at Brescia for selected applicants
- English and computer literacy required

This is a highly competitive program with limited enrolment. Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission and/or selection for interview.

The Diploma program begins in Spring and continues for one year. Upon successful completion, you obtain all the competencies to be eligible to write the Canadian Dietetic Registration Exam. In addition, you receive a professional diploma from Western University during the Spring (June) convocation.



BRESCIA at a GLANCE

FOUNDED: 1919

LOCATED: London, Ontario, Canada

AFFILIATED: with Western University

DEGREES: granted by Western University

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: 14:1

YOUR COURSES

The Diploma program is divided into two major components:

- Post-graduate courses — taken prior to the start of internship placements
- Practicum / internship placements

| Number of weeks | PROGRAM OUTLINE |
|-----------------|---|
| 1 | Orientation |
| 4 | POST-GRADUATE COURSES: |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FN 4901Y — Dietetic Simulation Practice • FN 4902 Y — Regulatory, Legal & Ethical Issues of Dietetic Practice • FN 4903 Y — Practice-based Dietetic Research <p>Progression into the Internship Placements is dependent upon completion of Pre-Placement courses with an average grade of at least 70% and no grade below 60%</p> |
| | PRACTICUM PLACEMENT (FN Course 4904): |
| 16 | Nutrition Care |
| 8 | Population and Public Health |
| 8 | Management |
| 8 | Practice-based Project |
| 2 | Educational Seminars |
| 2 | Vacation - late December |
| 1 | Educational Seminars and Exit Interviews |
| 50 | Total Program Length |