

## Tuition, Fees and Costs for Students

### PROGRAM FEE

Students will be assessed \$500 (subject to change) each semester to help defray some of the additional expense of operating this form of dietetic education. This fee will appear on the student's tuition bill beginning with the first semester of the program.

### AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIPS

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: Student membership is required. Affiliate membership is temporary. Any student who is enrolled in a dietetics program in an accredited University/university who does not meet the requirements for active membership is eligible for student/affiliate membership. Members receive a subscription to The Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Annual dues are \$58.00 (subject to change) and the student category carries a six year limit. A portion of the dues are rebated to the Wisconsin Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Students are considered affiliate members of both the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and The Wisconsin Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the Wisconsin Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics offer a number of student scholarships. Mount Mary University students have been chosen for these scholarships on a regular basis in the past. For information about state scholarships, access <https://www.eatrightwisc.org/page/Scholarships?&hhsearchterms=%22scholarships%22>.

### STUDENT INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Health Insurance: All full time Mount Mary University students are required to carry private health insurance. All students, including part-time students in the program are required to have health insurance. A health insurance package is available to students through Mount Mary University. Costs for health insurance can vary.

### CAREGIVER BACKGROUND CHECKS

A Caregiver Background Check is required before students can begin supervised experiential learning components of courses. The dietetics department requests the information from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services and the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

### DRUG TESTING

The program can do unannounced drug testing. Many supervised experiential learning sites request this testing which must be completed by the university.

### ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

An annual physical exam is required of all students and a physical exam report must be on file in the Dietetics Department. Immunizations and TB tests are required. Students who wish to file for a medical exemption for immunizations, etc. should be prepared to provide documentation with details on that need. Please note that supervised experiential learning sites dictate this requirement and it can be required for placement. Costs for physical exams will vary.

### OTHER EXPECTED EXPENSES

- 1. Texts and Reference Books for Program Courses** - The texts and references will serve as part of the student's professional reference library. The cost of books varies per semester and tends to decrease with progression in the program. Text costs approximately \$500 each semester.
- 2. Classroom Presentation and Project Costs** - Generally, these costs are absorbed by the student as part of the educational process. At times, funds for projects may be available from the department or the agency seeking assistance.
- 3. Meeting Fees (non-dues)** - A number of professional conferences, meetings and trade shows are incorporated into the curriculum. Some meals are included with registration fees. Transportation and hotel accommodations are privately arranged by the student. Registration fee for required conference attendance will be covered by the program fee.
- 4. Transportation** - Some of the supervised experiential learning courses require off-campus experiences. In addition, several of the didactic courses require off-campus experiences. Private transportation is the norm. The driver of the car is liable. Faculty do not arrange for car pools. Faculty do not provide rides for students nor do faculty ride with students. Mileage is estimated between 100-400 miles per semester, not including special meetings. Costs will vary.
- 5. Alternate Housing** - Alternate housing is the responsibility of the student dietitian during the program. Costs vary but rent is generally \$500-\$800 per month.
- 6. Lab Coats & Appropriate attire** - Lab coats (approximately \$50) and appropriate attire for business dress (costs vary).
- 7. Food** - Food may be purchased at some facility cafeterias or students can bring own (costs vary).
- 8. Laptop Computer** - Computer is required. Students will need the ability to scan (costs vary).
- 9. CPR Certification** - CPR certification from the American Heart Association HC Provider with BLS (Basic Life Support\*, in-person only (costs vary, but generally around \$75). This certification may be required by certain Supervised Experiential Learning sites.

### FOOD MANAGER SERVSAFE CERTIFICATION

Food Manager ServSafe Certification is required to the start the IMSND program and must be valid through the entire program. Students will be asked to upload a copy of their certification card prior to program start. (Approximate cost: \$100)