



First Class of University of Hawai'i's Dietetic Interns Achieve 100% Pass Rate on National Registration Dietitian (RD) Exam

The flagship class of the University of Hawaii's dietetic interns achieved 100% pass rate on the national RD exam. All students are now employed in the health care system as Registered Dietitians.

The UH CTAHR dietetic internship is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the national Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The internship program requires 1200 hours of experience beyond the Bachelor of Science degree and qualifies graduates to take the RD exam.

The internship was initiated in 2012 with support from former CTHAR acting dean Dr. Sylvia Yuen, current dean Dr. Maria Gallo, Dr. Anne Shovic and director Ann Ditzler. The program offers a Community Concentration and focuses on Hawai'i's unique community. Students earn an end-certification (RD) and are qualified to practice in clinical, food service and community settings within the national health care system.

This year's dietetic internship class has expanded in number to 7 students. Students are trained on Oahu and neighboring islands. An additional feature is an exchange program with Montana State University dietetic internship.

Pictured from left to right are dietetic interns and former UH graduates: Katherine Schuette, Chrislin Yee, Erika Chinn-Galindo, Tanieca Downing and Paul John Pangilinan.