



Preselect Application Instructions (for eligible *UMN students* only)

Required Application Items:

- All items listed in DICAS are required for the U of M DI Program, with the exception of Tests. GRE and TOEFL tests are not required for entrance to U of M Dietetic Internship.

- Personal Statement**

As part of the DICAS application, you will be asked to complete a personal statement in 1,200 words or less. Questions to be addressed in your personal statement include:

- Why are you interested in the dietetics profession?
- What experiences have helped prepare you for a career in dietetics?
- What are your short-term and long-term goals?
- What are your strengths and weaknesses / areas needing improvement?

In addition, the following questions must be addressed in your personal statement when applying to our U of M DI Program:

- What is your reason for applying to the U of M DI **and** your desired concentration?
- What challenges do you anticipate encountering while in the U of M DI Program?
- What are your top three reasons demonstrating best fit with the U of M DI Program?

- References**

Three references are required. Our preference:

- Two from faculty members or instructors in the FSCN department
- One from a work or volunteer supervisor, preferably one who is a practicing RDN who has observed your skills for more than three months

If using your discretion to deviate from the above sources, tell us your rationale for doing so within your *Preselect Supplemental Application Form*. We encourage you to seek out references that can speak best to your demonstrated abilities and professional characteristics.

- Complete the appropriate **Preselect Supplemental Application Form** for the concentration area in which you are applying, and upload to your DICAS application as a *Supplemental* document.

Note: If your official U of M Transcript Record is not available/included within your DICAS application, you may upload your *unofficial transcript* with your completed supplemental form.

- Follow the DICAS guidelines for e-submitting your completed application by **9:00 pm Central Time on January 9th, 2022**.
- Pay the \$50 (non-refundable) **University of Minnesota DI application fee** on or before January 9th, 2022.