

Supervised Clinical Practice Experience

Pacific's MSCN program curriculum plans 1100 hours of supervised experiential learning, including **960 hours** of supervised clinical practice experience (SCPE) in professional work settings – representing the diverse individual and population care delivery settings that registered dietitian nutritionists apply their clinical training and leadership across the continuum of care.

SCPE Rotations

SCPE rotations are scheduled during the last two trimesters of the program. Students complete five rotations (see table), for a total of 30 weeks of supervised experiential learning. While the sequence of rotations and clinical education sites will differ for each student, all students complete the five rotation types addressing the same ACEND® Future Education Model (FEM) Graduate Degree Competencies.

Clinical Education Sites

The MSCN program identifies clinical education sites and preceptors and is responsible for placement decisions. It is *not* the responsibility of students to secure their own placement or to solicit sites or preceptors.

Pacific affiliates with clinical education sites throughout California and some out-of-state facilities, including both local and remote supervised experiential learning. Students can expect to relocate within California (and potentially out-of-state) for one or more SCPE rotations and are responsible for all financial costs associated with travel and/or relocation.

Weeks	Rotation	Example Clinical Education Sites/Settings
10	Acute Care/Post-Acute Care Clinical Experience	Inpatient Hospital, Inpatient Acute Rehab, Inpatient Critical Care Units, Long Term Acute Care (LTAC), Skilled Nursing Facility/Rehab
5	Food Service/Systems Management	Hospital-based, Skilled Nursing Facility/Rehab, Retirement Community, Retail-based, Education (Public School District, University), other specialty settings
5	Ambulatory Care Clinical Experience	Hospital Outpatient Clinics, Primary Care Practices, Private Practice, Intensive Outpatient Program, Partial Hospitalization Program, Home Health, Hospice, Medical Weight Loss Centers, Dialysis Centers
5	Women's Health, Pediatrics	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); Women and Children/Pediatric Hospitals a/o Clinics
5	Wellness, Innovative Nutrition Practice	Corporate Wellness, University Student/Faculty/Staff Health Service, Retail/Supermarket, Lifestyle Medicine, Health Technology, Continuous Remote Care, Virtual Nutrition Counseling/Education and Health Coaching, Nutrition Entrepreneurship, Non-profits/Social Service Agencies