What is DCSP?

The DCSP, also known as the Dietetic Community Service Program, is a student directed community service organization. The purpose of the DCSP is to link WMU students with local dietitians and mentors. Students are able to learn from professionals in the dietetic field, but also to obtain volunteer hours that are necessary for the internship application. If you are interested in volunteering with a mentor and helping benefit the community, please fill out an application. Applications can be found on our website: http://www.wmich.edu/consumer/dietetics/dcsp/documents.htm.

Volunteer Opportunities This Year at WMU

Volunteering is a very important element to the Dietetic Internship application. If committing to an entire semester or year of volunteering does not fit into your current schedule, there are a few other opportunities for you.

- Eating Disorders Awareness Week occurs in February. A group is needed to help plan and implement a campaign project, and begins to meet in November. Gretchen Kauth Morin is the contact for this event at: gretchen.kauth@wmich.edu.
- The DCSP is in partnership with the Student Dietetic Association (SDA). The SDA does group volunteer activities and is always taking new volunteer suggestions. The contact is Susie Zammit at: susanna.m.zammit@wmich.edu.

As the DCSP and Dr. Soliman find more information about new opportunities in the community, emails will be sent out to students about who to contact and how to become involved.
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Name Changes in the World of Dietetics

Effective in January 2012, the American Dietetic Association officially became the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The website has remained www.eatright.org, and the Eat Right logo has stayed a part of the new identity. The new name is meant to quickly communicate the goal and purpose of the organization, while not being confused with other organization names.

Another name change occurred on June 2, 2011, when the USDA MyPyramid nutrition guide changed to MyPlate. This nutrition education tool is less abstract than the MyPyramid symbol, and it emphasizes a much higher level of importance on fruits and vegetables.

Sources: USDA’s MyPlate and eatright.org