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Educational Purpose of Supervised Practice

PURPOSE

To provide clarification of the educational purpose of the St. Cloud Hospital Dietetic Internship (SCH DI) supervised practice experience.

CentraCare adopts the following Policy/Procedure for:

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POLICY

- A. The purpose of the dietetic internship experience is to fully prepare graduates to enter the field as competent, entry-level registered dietitians, with an expertise in medical nutrition therapy who put the care of people above all in a way that reflects the healing mission of Jesus. St. Cloud Hospital dietetic interns shadow healthcare professionals and are provided progressive training in various aspects of duties routinely performed by registered dietitians. Dietetic interns may not replace employees in the workplace except during Staff Relief.

PROCEDURE

- A. St. Cloud Hospital dietetic interns shadow healthcare professionals to gain a broad understanding of the healthcare field.
- B. St. Cloud Hospital dietetic interns progress from entry level to more complex areas of medical nutrition therapy (MNT) experiences throughout the program. They are given progressively more patient care responsibility within the MNT experience.
- C. MNT dietitian preceptors and other health care professionals will be responsible for patient care within their scope of practice on assigned units(s) when giving guidance to dietetic interns.
- D. Dietetic interns will notify the preceptor of the need to cosign all notes within the electronic medical record.
- E. Dietetic interns will not complete duties of food service or healthcare staff for the purpose of replacing staff at any time except during Staff Relief.
- F. The registered dietitian is ultimately responsible for all patient care on assigned units during dietetic intern Staff Relief rotations.

REFERENCE CITATIONS

U.S. Department of Labor - Wage and Hour Division (WHD) - Fact Sheet. *US Department of Labor - Wage and Hour Division (WHD) - Fact Sheet*. 2010. Available at: <http://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/whdfs71.htm>. Accessed April 21, 2016.

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