

**STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM**  
(Revised 7/2009)

**GOALS FOR PROGRAM:**

- 1) To enhance students knowledge of the operation of the professional association.
- 2) To encourage student's active participation in the professional association.
- 3) To provide students with the opportunity to enhance their management skills in the areas of strategic planning, effective meeting management, delegation and legislative activity.
- 4) To develop a mentoring relationship with a CDA Executive Board officer.
- 5) To Assist the CDA Board member in necessary functions of their office.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE PROGRAM:**

The Dietetic student must be:

- 1) Currently enrolled in an approved/accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics, Coordinated Program in Dietetics, Coordinated Program or Dietetic Technician Program.
- 2) At the Graduate, Junior or Senior level the year of the mentoring experience or second year in Dietetic Technician program.
- 3) A member of The American Dietetic Association.
- 4) Willing to commit to the program from June 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> (one year).
- 5) Be a resident in the geographic location of the Executive Board member.
- 6) Willing to provide own transportation to local meetings.

**PROGRAM DESIGN FOR THE STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM - PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA DIETETIC ASSOCIATION** (Please note: Each program will vary and must be individualized.)

Attend/participate in the following meetings:

- Orientation meeting with mentor
- Fall Leadership Meeting
- Executive Board Meetings
- Public Policy Education Day
- CDA Annual Meeting

- 1) Funding will be provided for transportation, meals, lodging and registration for the meetings listed.
- 2) Additional responsibilities may include some word processing and secretarial functions.
- 3) Each mentee will be responsible for the development and implementation of a project of choice, or assigned by VP, that will benefit both CDA and the student.

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

- 1) Complete the application below.
- 2) A Complete application packet will include the following:
  - A. Application for Student Mentoring Program (including signature from DPD or CP Director).
  - B. Letter of application stating why student is interested in the mentoring program.
  - C. Letter of reference from program director or other university representative.
- 3) Return application packet to CDA central office **by May 10:**  
California Dietetic Association  
7740 Manchester Ave, Suite 102  
Playa Del Rey, CA 90293  
[www.dietitian.org](http://www.dietitian.org)
- 4) A personal interview MAY be scheduled with the mentor.
- 5) Notification regarding selection for the program will be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 6) The Executive Board President will send a copy of the selected mentee's application form to the Vice President Education Council by June 1<sup>st</sup>. The applications will be housed by the Mentoring Committee Chair to assure consistent follow-up evaluation of the program.

