

Students: Learn. Network. Advance.

LEARN

Work with Nutrition Professionals from Multiple Backgrounds – Diabetes affects all areas of health care. Recent statistics from the CDC show that just over 1 in 10 Americans have diabetes and 1 in 3 have pre-diabetes. New diabetes cases, type 1 and 2, have increased significantly especially in the non-Hispanic blacks and Hispanic population. As students and future nutrition leaders it's crucial to work with other diabetes nutrition professionals to gain the knowledge necessary to counsel, treat and educate populations and health care providers in all segments of the disease.

Educational Opportunities. – Included in your membership to the DDPG are no-cost webinars, our frequently referenced publications, and the Diabetes Virtual Symposium all of which offer multiple CPEU's.

Diabetes Specific Food and Nutrition Updates – Stay on top of diabetes food and nutrition matters with our peer-reviewed and award winning publications *On The Cutting Edge* and *Newsflash*. In addition students will have access to DDPG reproducible patient educational handouts, updated diabetes specific Technology and Innovation resources and free subscriptions to 2 diabetes consumer publications.

NETWORK

Awards and Stipends – As a student, you will receive opportunities to apply for DDPG specific stipends to attend distance-learning opportunities such as FNCE®, affiliate conferences or practice group's symposiums.

Collaboration – Students and interns learn, collaborate and share best practices to strengthen our profession as diabetes nutrition experts. Some of our outside partnerships that students can work with and benefit from include the American Diabetes Association, Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialist and the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists.

ADVANCE

Leadership Opportunities – Becoming actively involved as a student in the DDPG executive board or committees allows you to learn new skills, enhance existing ones and understand how the Academy and DDPG functions to not only be of benefit in your future career but also be more marketable to internships and graduate/PhD programs.

Research – The Academy and DDPG is committed to advancing our profession through quality research and evidence based practice standards. Aside from the Academy's resources like the Academy Foundation grants, ANDHII, Evidence Analysis Library (EAL), and Nutrition Care Process (NCP), you have the opportunity to learn the steps to doing diabetes nutrition research and showcase your current research to DDPG members and to members of our Alliances and Task Force partners.