

BACKGROUND

- Qatar University's Human Nutrition Program (HNP) is one of the five international programs accredited by the USA's Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) in 2017
- A major component of ACEND accredited programs is the internship/ Supervised Practice Program (SPP)
- Supervised practice is a critical aspect of dietetics education for the development of competencies, confidence, knowledge, and skills to practice as an RD

WHAT WE DID

This study is based on qualitative research. Fifteen potential employers, who also served as clinical instructors participated in this study. Participants were interviewed using semi-structured questionnaire. All interviews were conducted face-to-face by a trained interviewer. Participates were invited to discuss their own experiences in the accredited internship and their perceptions of the impact of the internship on skills and attributes of graduates, and their overall ideas of how the internship may contribute to the employability of graduates.

WHAT WE FOUND



FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO EMPLOYABILITY

- Students' performance during the SPP
- Applicants previous experience
- Grade point average

CONCLUSION



SPP based on set of competencies guided by international accreditation standards provides an up-to-date curriculum, improves the quality of the nutrition and dietetics services, and increases the potential employability of the graduates