

Dietetic Internship Program Director: Laura Brubaker, MFN, RD, LD.

Laura Brubaker earned an Associates of Applied Science from Rhodes State College, Lima, Ohio and was credentialed by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) as a Dietetic Technician (DTR). Brubaker earned a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and Master of Food and Nutrition from Bowling Green State University (BGSU) in Bowling Green, Ohio. Brubaker also completed the BGSU Dietetic Internship Program and was credentialed as a Registered Dietitian by the Commission on Dietetic Registration.

Brubaker's teaching experience began at Owens Community College (OCC) teaching introductory nutrition courses to associate degree seeking students in nursing, dietetic technician, or Certified Dietary Manager Credential pathways. While in the adjunct position, Brubaker taught a variety of BGSU's Food and Nutrition Department undergraduate and graduate level courses and created the curriculum for the FN 2080 Introduction to Human Nutrition Laboratory course and Teaching College Nutrition for graduate support in the FN 2080 labs. In 2020, Brubaker was hired as full-time qualified rank faculty at BGSU and Assistant to the Dietetic Internship Director. In 2021, Brubaker was named as the incoming Dietetic Internship (DI) Program Director and officially became the BGSU DI Program Director in 2022. Brubaker's main area of interests include implementation of interprofessional education in the college setting, mentorship and teaching dietetic interns preparing to take the National Credentialing Exam for Registered Dietitians, critical nutrition care, and nutrient needs of the aged population.

Prior to CDR credentialing as a DTR, Brubaker was employed as a foodservice manager in skilled nursing care. As a DTR, Brubaker's work experience began in a role providing restoration of staffing instability and effective management. Brubaker then went on to provide clinical nutrition support as a consultant DTR in skilled nursing facilities across northwest Ohio. As an RD, Brubaker shifted to acute care in the hospital setting specializing in critical care for patients experiencing respiratory failure and in need of enteral and parenteral nutrition. Since becoming internship director, Brubaker also serves as a program reviewer for nutrition education programs located across the US who are seeking accreditation or reaccreditation by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics.

Brubaker is a native of Northwest Ohio. Raised in Henry County, Brubaker and her family relocated to Bowling Green, Ohio in 2001. Brubaker has 4 grown children; 2 boys and 2 girls. Three of Brubaker's children and son-in-law are currently enrolled or are alumni of BGSU undergraduate and graduate programs. Brubaker's mother earned an education degree at BGSU and her mother (Brubaker's maternal grandmother) received a teaching certificate from the then "Bowling Green State College" in 1933. This makes both of Brubaker's daughters 4th generation BGSU female graduates with over a 90 year history at BGSU. Brubaker and her husband, who is an Electric High Power Lineman for the City of Bowling Green, continue to reside in Wood County just north of Bowling Green, OH in the home that they built and raised their children in.