As a graduate student at The University of Alabama, planning your rotations to align with the required courses is needed to assure that you will be successful in the internship and in your graduate courses.

The courses that are required during your internship include NHM 585 (Clinical Nutrition Management) and NHM 588 (Advanced Foodservice Systems Management). Please note the following:

* These 2 courses are not taken in the same semester. Rather, one will be in the fall and one will be in the spring.
* The course that you will take in the fall (and then in the spring) is dependent on your rotation schedule.
* If you find placements for clinical rotations in the fall, you will take NHM 585 followed by your foodservice rotations in the spring along with NHM 588

When planning your rotation calendars for UA, please do the following:

1. Arrange your calendar so that your rotations align with the class you are taking.
	* NHM 585 should be aligned with rotations *such as hospital clinical, nutrition support, dialysis units, long term care clinical activities, outpatient counseling, etc*.
	* NHM 588 should be aligned with rotations *such as hospital foodservice, school foodservice, long term care foodservice activities, etc*.
2. Make sure that you start your clinical or foodservice rotation within 3 weeks of the start of the semester to meet assignment deadlines
3. Try to limit the number of different rotations in a single semester; too many different and complex rotations will reduce the amount of time you have for assignments
4. When planning other required rotations, such as wellness, community, or emphasis areas, plan these to occur in the middle or at the very end of the semester

Sample Rotation Schedules

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| ***Fall—Foodservice Management (NHM 588)*** | ***Rotations*** |
| September-October | Foodservice Management Rotations |
| November-December | Community/Wellness |
| *Spring—Clinical (NHM 585)* | *Rotations* |
| January-March | Clinical Rotations |
| April-May | Emphasis/Elective Rotations |

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| ***Fall—Foodservice Management (NHM 588)*** | ***Rotations*** |
| September | Foodservice Management Rotations |
| October-Early November | Community/Wellness |
| Mid November-December | Complete Foodservice Management Rotations |
| *Spring—Clinical (NHM 585)* | *Rotations* |
| January | Clinical Rotations |
| February | Emphasis/Elective Rotations |
| March-May | Complete Clinical Rotations |

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| ***Fall—Clinical (NHM 585)*** | ***Rotations*** |
| September-mid November | Clinical Rotations |
| Late November-December | Emphasis/Elective Rotations |
| *Spring— Foodservice Management (NHM 588)* | *Rotations* |
| January-March | Foodservice Management Rotations |
| April-May | Community/Wellness |

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| ***Fall—Clinical (NHM 585)*** | ***Rotations*** |
| September | Clinical Rotations |
| October-Early November | Emphasis/Elective Rotations |
| Mid November-December | Complete Clinical Rotations |
| *Spring—Foodservice Management (NHM 588)* | *Rotations* |
| January-mid February | Foodservice Management Rotations |
| Late February-March | Community/Wellness |
| April-May | Complete Foodservice Management Rotations |

Please understand we know the difficulty of identifying facility sites & preceptors and making these types of arrangements. However, we want you to be successful in both your rotation on-site experience as well as your coursework assignments!

If you have additional questions about scheduling your rotations with University of Alabama coursework, please do not hesitate to reach out to the University of Alabama director Elaine Molaison (efmolaison@ches.ua.edu; 205-723-75660).