Helpful Information for Finding a Lab Facility

FNDH 342 - Food Production Management

- •The course objectives are only successfully achieved with a quality laboratory experience.
- It is impossible to mimic the knowledge and skills learned in a hands-on environment through any type of technology.

Why do I need a lab facility?

- Start early!
- We generally recommend you begin thinking a semester prior to taking the class.
- Note: Your facility needs to be approved by Dr. Whitehair prior to the first day of class.

When should I start looking for a lab facility?

- 1. Brainstorm a list of potential facilities in your area:
 - College/University
 Foodservice
 - K-12 Foodservice
 - Retirement Community
 - Extended Care or Assisted Living Facilities
 - Hospital
 - Large Child Care Operations
 - Business/Industry Cafeterias
 - Community Kitchens or Meals-on-Wheels Programs

How do I begin finding a facility?

- 2. Prioritize your list and begin calling the foodservice operations to set-up an appointment to meet and discuss your needs.
 - Do your research on their facility.
 - Show interest in their facility and how this experience will help you develop.
 - If an in person meeting is scheduled, dress professionally and be on time.

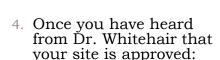
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Make sure they:

- Use standardized recipes.
- Have a variety of large equipment.
- Prepare at least some of their menu from scratch. (not all just heat and serve)
- Feed a minimum of 50 people per meal.

- 3. While discussing the possibility with them, interview them as well to make certain it is a good fit.
 - Share the Lab Sponsor's Packet with them.
 - Complete the <u>Lab Facility</u> <u>Approval Form Submission</u>
 - Inform them that you will be submitting this information to your instructor for approval.

How do I begin finding a facility?



- Have the sponsor sign the form at the end of the Lab Sponsor's Packet.
- You, as the student, then need to sign the agreement at the bottom.
- Submit this form via <u>Student-Sponsor Agreement Submission</u>

My site is approved, now what?

<u>Lab Facility Approval</u> Form Submission

<u>Student-Sponsor</u> <u>Agreement Submission</u>

Serv-Safe Certification Submission

Note: These links can also be found on the Global Campus and Dietetics' Student information pages.

So, what's due prior to the first day of class?



Feel free to reach out to Dr. Whitehair with any questions.

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I do keep track of locations past students have used and may be able to provide some suggestions if you are having trouble.