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Current Program Mission, Goals and Objectives

Mission: The Dietetics program mission is “to prepare students for supervised practice leading to eligibility for the CDR credentialing exam to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN), and as future dietetic leaders to apply their food and nutrition knowledge and skills wisely in both their personal and professional lives”.

Program Goal 1:

Prepare competent graduates for supervised practice and success on the registration exam, entry-level employment and advanced education who will utilize their knowledge and skills in dietetics, food and nutrition.

Program Objectives for Goal 1:

Objective #1: *ACEND REQUIRED*

Supervised practice application rate:

At least 60% of program graduates apply for admission to a supervised practice program prior to or within 12 months of graduation.

Objective #2: *ACEND REQUIRED*

Supervised practice acceptance rate:

Of program graduates who apply to a supervised practice program, at least 60% are admitted within 12 months of graduation.

Objective #3:

Other: Non-supervised practice employment rate:

Within 12 months of completion from their dietetics program, 65% of program graduates not accepted to supervised practice programs or enrolled in advanced education will be employed in food and nutrition-related jobs.

Objective #4

Other: Non-supervised practice advanced education enrollment rate:

Within 12 months of completion of their dietetics program, 20% of program graduates not accepted to supervised practice programs or employed in food and nutrition-related jobs will be enrolled in an advanced education program.

Objective #5

One-year pass rate: *ACEND REQUIRED*

The program's one-year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%.

Objective #6:

Employer satisfaction:

At least 80% of employers reporting will rate their DPD graduate employees' performance during their first year of employment as moderately, very and extremely satisfied.

Objective #7:

Alumni satisfaction:

At least 90% of employed DPD graduates reporting will rate themselves as being prepared or well prepared for their first employment position.

Objective #8:

Supervised practice program satisfaction: *ACEND REQUIRED*

At least 90% of supervised practice program directors responding to a survey will rate DPD graduates as being prepared or well-prepared for their supervised practice program.

Objective #9:

Graduate program satisfaction:

At least 90% of faculty advisors of DPD graduates admitted to graduate programs reporting will rate DPD graduates as being prepared or well prepared for the graduate program.

Program Goal 2:

Recruit and retain a highly motivated and diverse population of program graduates who will serve as leaders in the food and nutrition field.

Program Objectives for Goal 2:

Objective #1:

Program Completion:

At least **80%** of students complete program requirements within 3.75 years (150% of planned program length).

Program Goals and Objectives (Optional):

Program Goal 3:

Prepare DPD graduates capable of doing and who will perform collaborative research related to Dietetics.

Program Objectives for Goal 3:

Objective #1:

Alumni research participation:

At least 20% of DPD graduates will indicate that they have participated in research-related activities within 12 months of graduation.

Program Goal 4:

Prepare DPD graduates who will engage in community service learning and exhibit professional leadership.

Objective #1:

Alumni service learning/leadership participation:

At least 80% of DPD graduates reporting will indicate that they have participated in at least one community service activity and/or leadership activity within 12 months of graduation.