

Current Program Mission, Goals and Objectives of the USI DPD Program

Mission:

The Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) 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 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE DPD PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA (USI)

Program Goal 1:

Prepare competent graduates for supervised practice and success on the registration exam, entry-level employment and advanced education utilizing 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:

At least 60% of program graduates are admitted into a supervised practice program 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:

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:

Overall program enrollment number:

Enrollment in the DPD program will increase by a yearly average of 10% from a baseline of 17 students in year 2019 until year 2024..

Objective #2:

Program retention rate:

At least 75% of admitted DPD program students will complete the program.

Objective #3:

Program completion rate: ACEND REQUIRED

At least 80% of program students complete program/degree requirements within 3 ½ years (150% of the program length).

Objective #4:

Academic advising satisfaction:

At least 90% of DPD graduates completing the advising survey will rate their advising experience as satisfactory or better.

Objective #5:

Community service and leadership:

At least 80% of DPD graduates will have undertaken a minimum of 4 of the following activities: volunteer or paid work experiences in food and nutrition, campus organization membership and/or leadership positions, and/or extra credit participation activities while at USI.

Objective #6:

Increasing program diversity:

At least 10% of enrollments will be from a diverse population (exclusive of Caucasian females under age 24).

Goal 3:

Prepare DPD graduates capable of doing collaborative research related to Dietetics.

Objective #1:

Outside discipline research satisfaction:

At least 85% of faculty from other disciplines reporting will rate the DPD graduates as prepared or well prepared to participate in interdisciplinary research while at USI.

Objective #2:

Student research participation:

At least 20% of DPD students will be actively involved in one research project.

Objective #3:

Alumni research participation:

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

Goal 4: Prepare DPD graduates to engage in community service learning and exhibit professional leadership.

Objective #1:

Service learning participation:

At least 90% of DPD students will have participated in at least one service-learning activity as part of their professional coursework at USI.

Objective #2:

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.