

East Tennessee State University
Didactic Program in Dietetics
Program Mission, Goals, and Related Measurable Outcomes

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Mission Statement: To provide assistance in meeting the healthcare needs of the region, and the state, by providing a cohesive, up-to-date, and pertinent program in nutrition and foods.

Program Goal I. The program will prepare graduates to be competent nutrition professionals.

Outcome Measures: Goal I

1. Seventy-five percent or more, of graduates seeking employment in their field of study will be employed in the field within 30 months of completion of the undergraduate program.
2. At least 80% of students who seek admittance into internships will be admitted into an internship program within one year of completion of DPD requirements.
3. Over a five year period, graduates of the DPD will achieve a pass rate of 80%, or greater, on the national registration examination for dietitians.
4. When surveyed, 80% of field study preceptors will rate students as satisfactory, or better, for entry level knowledge and skills.
5. All graduates receiving a verification statement from the DPD will have met all of the knowledge and skill competencies established by CADE.
6. When surveyed, 90% of DI directors and/or graduate school faculty will rate DPD graduates as satisfactory or better for entry level knowledge and skills.

Program Goal II. Through a commitment to a student-centered environment that incorporates encouragement, motivation and support along with close faculty contact with the students, program faculty will increase the number of students who complete their dietetic program of study.

Outcome Measures: Goal II

1. Seventy-five percent of the students enrolled in the DPD in the sophomore year will complete their Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Consumer Sciences with a concentration in Nutrition and Dietetics.
2. One hundred percent of DPD students will meet with the DPD curriculum advisor at least one time per year.
3. At least 70% of all DPD students will be active members of the Student Dietetic Association (SDA).
4. At least 80% of the students enrolled in the DPD will indicate a score of satisfactory or better with regard to encouragement, motivation and support offered by the program faculty.
5. Eighty percent of DPD students will indicate satisfaction with courses and instructors for upper level (3000 and 4000 level) dietetics courses.

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Program Goal III. Through guided experiences, the program will prepare graduates to demonstrate an understanding of, and a commitment to, community service and to service to the profession.

Outcome Measures: Goal III

1. Seventy-five percent of DPD graduates will be able to demonstrate a commitment to the community after graduation.
2. At least 80% of undergraduate dietetic students will participate in community service projects during the undergraduate experience.
3. Ninety-eight percent of all undergraduate dietetic students will present a nutrition education program to a target population in Northeast Tennessee/Southwest Virginia.
4. On the alumni survey, 70% of graduates from the DPD will indicate that they participate in one or more community service activities per year.
5. When surveyed, 85% of DPD graduates will indicate active membership in at least one professional organization.
6. When surveyed, 80% of employers of recent graduates (within three years) will rate graduates as satisfactory, or better, for skills related to community and professional activities.