Program Mission, Goals and Objectives
2013-2018

Mission:
The mission of the Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics (DPND) is to provide quality education and learning experiences that integrate scientific principles, community awareness, and critical thinking skills needed for success in dietetic internships, graduate programs and careers in the dietetics profession.

Program Goal 1:
The DPD program will prepare graduates for successful completion of supervised practice and the registration examination.

Program Objectives for Goal 1:
1. Supervised Practice Application and Placement Rates
   a. Over a five-year period, 50% of DPND graduates will apply for supervised practice programs within twelve months of program completion.
   b. Over a five-year period, 60% of those applying to supervised practice programs within 12 months of program completion will be accepted.
2. Examination Pass Rates
   a. Over a five-year period, the pass rate for program graduates taking the registration examination for the first time will be at least 80%.
3. Program Graduate Preparation
   a. Over a five-year period, the mean rating of “knowledge base” that internship directors will give program graduates will meet or exceed “good” on surveys.
   b. Over a five-year period, 75% of program graduates who respond to a survey will indicate agree or agree strongly regarding how well the curriculum prepared them for supervised practice, DTR or graduate education.

Program Goal 2:
The DPND program faculty will promote and support timely and appropriate program completion and graduation.

Program Objectives for Goal 2:
1. Cohort Completion and Graduation Rates
   a. Over a five-year period, 75% of the students admitted to the cohort will complete the program in three years or nine semesters.
   b. Over a five-year period, the program will graduate at least 75% of the cohort each year.