

Program Goals - Didactic Program in Dietetics

Program Goal #1 - Prepare graduates to achieve competence in Foundation Knowledge for entry-level dietitians, and to receive DPD Verification as specified by the Accreditation Council on Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

- Objective Measure 1.a: Program Completion Rate
Over a five-year period, at least 80% of students enrolled in the first year of the DPD (or in NTDT 30101) will complete program/degree requirements within 3 years (150% of time planned for completion).
- Objective Measure 1.b: Relevancy of Courses Covered
Over a five-year period, on the graduate DPD Exit Evaluation, 70% of program graduates will rate the relevancy of course content and materials covered in required nutrition courses as “good” to “excellent”.
- Objective Measure 1.c: Alumni Preparation
At least 70% of program graduates who respond to the three-year DPD Post-Graduate Survey will indicate a “good” or “excellent” perception of his/her preparedness regarding Foundation Knowledge required for entry-level dietitians.
- Objective Measure 1.d: DI Director Perception of Student Preparation
At least 70% of Dietetic Internship Directors who respond to the three-year Dietetic Internship Director Survey will indicate a “good” to “excellent” perception of DPD graduates’ preparedness regarding overall knowledge needed to complete a DI.

Program Goal #2 - Provide graduates with adequate knowledge to secure employment and/or post-graduate education, including Dietetic Internships.

- Objective Measure 2.a: Supervised Practice Application Rate
Over a five-year period, 60% of DPD graduates will apply to supervised practice programs within 12 months of program completion.
- Objective Measure 2.b: Supervised Practice Acceptance Rate
Over a five-year period, 50% of those applying to supervised practice programs will be accepted within 12 months of program completion.
- Objective Measure 2.c: Post-Graduate Education Rate
Over a five-year period, 10% of students not applying to or not accepted into supervised practice will be accepted into post-graduate education within three years of DPD completion.
- Objective Measure 2.d: Food, Health and/or Nutrition-Related Employment Rate
Over a five-year period, within 12 months of DPD completion, 20% of students not applying or not accepted into supervised practice will be working in food, health and/or nutrition-related employment.
- Objective Measure 2.e: Registration Exam Pass Rate
Over a five-year period, at least 80% of DPD graduates taking the Registration Examination for Dietitians will pass within one year following first attempt.
- Objective Measure 2.f: Employer Perception of Alumni Preparation
At least 70% of employers of DPD alumni who respond to the three-year Employer Survey will indicate that the DPD graduates have a “good” to “excellent” level of knowledge to secure and maintain employment.

Program Goal #3 - Prepare graduates to continually participate in professional activities and education, service, and growth.

- Objective Measure 3.a: Professional/Service Organization Participation
At least 70% of program graduates who are Registered Dietitian Nutritionists who respond to the three-year *DPD Post-Graduate Survey* will indicate they hold membership in a professional and/or volunteer/service organization.
- Objective Measure 3.b: Professional Growth, Service, and/or Leadership
At least 50% of program graduates who respond to the three-year *DPD Post-Graduate Survey* will indicate their employment and/or volunteer/service responsibilities include opportunities for professional growth and/or leadership.
- Objective Measure 3.c: Professional Activities and Education, Service, and Growth
At least 80% of DPD graduates, as determined by the *DPD Exit Evaluation*, will indicate the program prepared them to participate in professional activities, such as education, service or professional growth.