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

- Objective Measure 1.b: Relevancy of Course Content
  At least 70% of program graduates rate the relevancy of course content and materials covered in required nutrition courses as “good” to “excellent” on the DPD Exit Evaluation.

- Objective Measure 1.c: Alumni Preparation
  At least 70% of program graduates who respond to the DPD Post-Graduate Survey indicate a “good” or “excellent” perception of his/her preparedness regarding Core Knowledge required for entry-level dietitians.

- Objective Measure 1.d: Supervised Practice Director Perception of Student Preparation
  At least 70% of Supervised Practice Directors who respond to the Supervised Practice Director Survey indicate a “good” to “excellent” perception of DPD graduates’ preparedness for supervised practice.

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

- Objective Measure 2.a: 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 Measure 2.b: Supervised Practice Acceptance Rate
  At least 50% of program graduates are admitted to a supervised practice program within 12 months of graduation.

- Objective Measure 2.c: Post-Graduate Education Rate
  At least 10% of students not applying to or not accepted into supervised practice are accepted into post-graduate education within three years of graduation.

- Objective Measure 2.d: Registration Exam Pass Rate
  The program’s one-year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of the first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%.

- Objective Measure 2.e: Employer Perception of Alumni Preparation
  At least 70% of employers of program graduates who respond to the Employer Survey indicate that program 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 DPD Post-Graduate Survey 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 are Registered Dietitian Nutritionists who respond to the DPD Post-Graduate Survey 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 program graduates, as determined by the DPD Exit Evaluation, indicate the program prepared them to participate in professional activities, such as education, service or professional growth.