

Internship Mission, Goals and Outcome Measures

DI Program Mission

To develop practitioner skills for entry-level dietitians who are able to assume leadership roles to improve and maintain the nutritional care of diverse individuals, families and communities within national and global population.

DI Program Goals

1. The program will prepare graduates to be competent entry-level dietitians
2. The program will prepare graduates to be leaders and to participate in community service.

DI Program Outcomes

- 1.1 Alumni, over a 5-year period, achieve a pass rate of at least 90% first time taking the RD exam.
- 1.2 Alumni, over a 5-year period, meet or exceed the national average on the RD exam.
- 1.3 Students complete all of the entry-level competencies.
- 1.4 Within one year of program completion, at least 75% of graduates will have passed the RD exam and/or obtained employment in the field of dietetics, and/or are continuing their education.
- 1.5 The mean rating of preparation that employers will give program graduates will meet or exceed the rating of "3" or "ready" on surveys.
- 1.6 85% of graduates will rate their preparation as meeting or exceeding their needs in at least 90% of areas.
- 1.7 At least 85% of the students who enter the program will complete it.
- 2.1 Students will attend at least 3 professional meetings during the program.
- 2.2 Students will take on at least one leadership/management role during the staff experience rotation in the internship.
- 2.3 At least 70% of graduates when surveyed will indicate that they participate or have participated in at least one community service activity.
- 2.4 At least 70% of graduates when surveyed will indicate that they participate or have participated in at least one leadership activity.

The DI program received full accreditation in May 1998 by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetic Education (CADE) of the American Dietetic Association (ADA). The DI program is scheduled for review in March 2008.