

Rochester Institute of Technology
Graduate Program in Dietetics and Nutrition
Program Mission, Goals, Objectives

Mission of the Dietetics Program

The mission of the Graduate Program in Dietetics and Nutrition is to prepare graduates to pass the credentialing examination and for a successful career as a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, navigating the changing landscape of food, nutrition, healthcare delivery, and technology to secure health and well-being for all.

Program Goal 1: Graduates will successfully transition to entry level practice as a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.

Objectives

- At least 80% of students complete program requirements within 3 years (150% of the program length).
- At least 80% percent of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.
- Of graduates who seek employment, at least 80% are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.
- The program's one-year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%.
- At least 80% of graduates who respond to a survey will be members of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics or another professional organization focused on food, nutrition, and health that has continuing education activities approved for continuing professional development by the Commission on Dietetic Registration.
- At least 90% of employers who respond to a survey will rate graduate entry-level performance as being at or above that of other entry-level dietitians in their employ.

Program Goal 2: Graduates will develop and apply evidence-informed guidance to advance practice as a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.

Objectives

- At least 90% of graduates who respond to a survey will indicate either participation in a research-focused activity or application of evidence-based information in their work as a nutrition professional.
- At least 50% of graduates disseminate results from their research activity in local, state, or national venues within 12 months of program completion.