

MS in Dietetics and Nutrition

Mission, Goals, Objectives

The mission of the graduate program in dietetics and nutrition is to produce graduates who become Registered Dietitian Nutritionists eligible for licensure or certification to practice the profession of dietitian nutritionist.

Program Goal 1: Generate graduates that successfully transition to entry level practice as a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.

Objectives

- At least 80% of program graduates complete program/degree requirements within 3 years (150% of the program length).
- 80% percent of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.
- 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%.
- Of graduates who seek employment, 80 percent are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.
- 90% of employers will rate graduate entry-level performance as being at or above that of other entry-level dietitians in their employ.
- 80% of graduates 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.

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

Objectives

- 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.
- 80% of graduates will disseminate results from their research activity in local, state, or national venues within 18 months of program completion.