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Current Program Mission, Goals and Objectives

Mission: The Dietetics program mission is “to prepare students for supervised practice leading to eligibility for the CDR credentialing exam to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN), and as future dietetic leaders to apply their food and nutrition knowledge and skills wisely in both their personal and professional lives”.

Program Goal 1:

Prepare competent graduates for supervised practice and success on the registration exam, entry-level employment and advanced education who will utilize their knowledge and skills in dietetics, food and nutrition.

Program Objectives for Goal 1:

Objective #1: *ACEND REQUIRED*

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 #2: *ACEND REQUIRED*

Supervised practice acceptance rate:

Of program graduates who apply to a supervised practice program, at least 60% are admitted within 12 months of graduation.

Objective #3:

Other: Non-supervised practice employment rate:

Within 12 months of completion from their dietetics program, 65% of program graduates not accepted to supervised practice programs or enrolled in advanced education will be employed in food and nutrition-related jobs.

Objective #4

Other: Non-supervised practice advanced education enrollment rate:

Within 12 months of completion of their dietetics program, 20% of program graduates not accepted to supervised practice programs or employed in food and nutrition-related jobs will be enrolled in an advanced education program.

Objective #5

One-year pass rate: *ACEND REQUIRED*

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%.

Objective #6:

Employer satisfaction:

At least 80% of employers reporting will rate their DPD graduate employees' performance during their first year of employment as moderately, very and extremely satisfied.

Objective #7:

Alumni satisfaction:

At least 90% of employed DPD graduates reporting will rate themselves as being prepared or well prepared for their first employment position.

Objective #8:

Supervised practice program satisfaction: *ACEND REQUIRED*

At least 90% of supervised practice program directors responding to a survey will rate DPD graduates as being prepared or well-prepared for their supervised practice program.

Objective #9:

Graduate program satisfaction:

At least 90% of faculty advisors of DPD graduates admitted to graduate programs reporting will rate DPD graduates as being prepared or well prepared for the graduate program.

Program Goal 2:

Recruit and retain a highly motivated and diverse population of program graduates who will serve as leaders in the food and nutrition field.

Program Objectives for Goal 2:

Objective #1:

Overall program enrollment number:

Enrollment in the DPD program will increase by a yearly average of 10% from a baseline of 19 students in year 2017 until year 2024.

Objective #2:

Program retention rate:

At least 75% of admitted DPD program students will complete the program.

Objective #3:

Program completion rate: *ACEND REQUIRED*

At least 80% of program students complete program/degree requirements within 3.5 years (150% of planned program length).

Objective #4:

Academic advising satisfaction:

At least 90% of DPD graduates completing the advising survey will rate their advising experience as satisfactory or better.

Objective #5:

Community service and leadership:

At least 80% of DPD graduates will have undertaken a minimum of 4 of the following activities: volunteer or paid work experiences in food and

nutrition, campus organization membership and/or leadership positions, and/or extra credit participation activities while at USI.

Objective #6:

Increasing program diversity:

At least 10% of enrollments will be from a diverse population (exclusive of Caucasian females under age 24).

Program Goals and Objectives (Optional):

Program Goal 3:

Prepare DPD graduates capable of doing and who will perform collaborative research related to Dietetics.

Program Objectives for Goal 3:

Objective #1:

Outside discipline research satisfaction:

At least 85% of faculty from other disciplines reporting will rate the DPD graduates as prepared or well prepared to participate in interdisciplinary research while at USI.

Objective #2:

Student research participation:

At least 20% of DPD students will be actively involved in one research project.

Objective #3:

Alumni research participation:

At least 20% of DPD graduates will indicate that they have participated in research-related activities within 12 months of graduation.

Program Goal 4:

Prepare DPD graduates who will engage in community service learning and exhibit professional leadership.

Objective #1:

Service-learning participation:

At least 90% of DPD students will have participated in at least one service-learning activity as part of their professional coursework at USI.

Objective #2:

Alumni service learning/leadership participation:

At least 80% of DPD graduates reporting will indicate that they have participated in at least one community service activity and/or leadership activity within 12 months of graduation.