

Coordinated Program in Dietetics: Goals and Outcome Measures

1. Prepare students as competent entry-level practitioners with a concentration in Health Promotion/Disease Prevention and Treatment.
 - a. CP students will maintain a grade of C or better in all dietetics and support courses and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75.
 - b. All students will become active members of at least one dietetics organization and a student organization.
 - c. When surveyed, at least 75% of preceptors agree that experiences planned for the practicum are adequate to prepare students as entry-level practitioners in their concentration.
 - d. On a scale of 5 students will rate at 3 or above, the adequacy of the preceptors and supervised experiences in preparing them as entry level practitioners.
 - e. All CP students will satisfactorily complete a professional portfolio using the Commission on Dietetics Registration (CDR) guidelines.
 - f. At the completion of the CP, students will pass an exit exam with a score of 70 or above.
 - g. Over a five year period, 80% of those admitted to the CP will complete a Master of Dietetics Studies within 150% of the time planned for completion.** For students under the three year track this will be four and half years and for students entering the advanced standing option this will be 3 years.
 - h. Over a five year period, graduates of the CP will achieve an 80% or better passing rate on the RD exam as first-time takers.**
 - i. When surveyed, at least 75% of graduates report that the CP provided a variety of experiences to become competent practitioners.
 - j. When surveyed, employers will rate knowledge and competency of entry-level practitioners (CP graduates within two years of graduation) with a mean score of 3 or better (5 point scale).

2. Train graduates who have the skills to influence the public health crises in obesity and chronic diseases.
 - a. At least 25% of the curriculum will focus on clinical and/or policy solutions to the public health crises in obesity and chronic diseases.
 - b. When surveyed, the majority of graduates responding agree that the program prepared them to make a difference in issues related to obesity and chronic diseases.

- c. When surveyed, the majority of employers will agree that graduates of the program are skilled in influencing the public health crises in obesity and chronic diseases.
3. Prepare graduates to work in a variety of settings, including clinical and hospital practices, public health and community agencies, schools, the food industry, health promotion and wellness programs and federal agencies or to seek additional advanced education
 - a. Each CP student will have a faculty/preceptor who will serve as an advisor and career mentor.
 - b. Each CP student will spend at least 32 hours/week in seven different professional settings during their rotations.
 - c. Students will meet 100% of the competencies in the seven professional settings with a score of two or above on a scale of four.
 - d. **Over a five year period, at least 70% of the CP graduates seeking employment in dietetics will be hired within three months of program completion.**
 - e. Graduates pursuing an additional advanced degree or specialty certification will agree when surveyed that the program prepared them adequately.
 - f. Within a year when surveyed, 75% of the CP graduates will agree that the program prepared them adequately to work as an entry-level dietitian.
4. Enroll and graduate diverse students to meet the needs of the South Texas communities.
 - a. At least 50% of the students enrolled in the CP are from the South Texas region.
 - b. At least 25% of the supervised experiences will address the unique needs of South Texas communities.
 - c. When surveyed, the majority of responding South Texas employers will agree that the CP graduates are meeting the professional needs of the region.