

Utah State University Didactic Program in Dietetics

Executive Summary

The Utah State University Didactic in Dietetics program continues to be robust and produce students successful in the field of dietetics. We have set goals for the ACEND accrediting body (as listed below) and have been successful in meeting most of these goals. For example, 100% of our students complete the DPD program within 3 years, an average of 93% apply for a dietetic internship and 92% enroll in a dietetic internship within 3 years of completing the DPD program. The RD entrance exam format changed in 2017 and first time pass rates have declined. However, 99% of our students pass the exam on subsequent attempts. We encourage students to work with their dietetic internship program for updated exam preparation resource recommendation when they complete their internship and are eligible to take the RD exam. In addition, 88% of our annual graduate survey responders report they have successfully gained employment in the field of dietetics within a year of graduation. No changes have been made to the program following to the last two formal accreditation reviews in 2017 and 2018 preceding this report.

Mission of the Dietetics Program

To graduate students with a Bachelor of Science degree who are prepared to perform effectively in a dietetic internship or ISPP and to ultimately become entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists.

Program Goals, Objectives and Actual Outcomes

A) Goal #1– Prepare graduates for completion of a dietetic internship or ISPP through provision of current knowledge and skill development.					
B) Objectives	C) Data Needed for Evaluation and Data Source	D) Evaluation Method(s) for Collected Data	E) Individual(s) Responsible for Ensuring Data Is Collected	F) Timeframe for Collecting Data (When is data collected?)	G) Actual Outcomes
a. 100% of enrolled students will complete program requirements in less than three years.	Enrollment numbers Verification statements	Review student spreadsheet annually	DPD Director	Annually	2013-2015: 9/9 (100%) 2014-2016: 16/16 (100%) 2015-2017: 14/14 (100%) 2016-2018: 20/20 (100%) 2017-2019: *
b. 90% of students will apply to a Dietetic Internship within 12 months of graduation	Number of applicants to the DI data	Annual graduate survey is emailed to graduates of the past 5 years of the DPD program.	DPD Director	Annually	2013-2015: 9/9 (100%) 2014-2016: 14/16 (88%) 2015-2017: 13/14 (93%) 2016-2018: 14/15 (93%)
c. Within 3 years of	Acceptance into DI data	Annual graduate survey is	DPD Director	Annually	2013-2015: 9/9 (100%)

graduation, 75% of enrolled students will receive placement in Dietetic Internships		emailed to graduates of the past 5 years of the DPD program.			2014-2016: 14/16 (88%) 2015-2017: * 2016-2018: *
d. 90% of graduates will pass the Registration Examination for Dietitians on their first attempt.	Student Pass rate data	Student Pass rate data	DPD Director	Annually	2013-2015: 8/9 (91%) 2014-2016: 9/9 (100%) 2015-2017: 7/11 (73%) 2016-2018: 12/15 (72.5%)
e. 75% of DI graduates will be ranked "average" or better in all performance categories by their internship director in the post-internship survey.	Internship Director survey	Internship Director survey	DPD Director	Annually	2013-2015: 7/9 (78%) 2014-2016: 13/16 (81%) 2015-2017: 8/10 (80%) 2016-2018: 10/12 (83%)

A) Goal #2 – Prepare graduates for entry-level employment in dietetics or a related field as a registered dietitian nutritionist.					
B) Objectives	C) Data Needed for Evaluation and Data Source	D) Evaluation Method(s) for Collecting Data	E) Individual(s) Responsible for Ensuring Data Is Collected	F) Timeframe for Collecting Data	G) Actual Outcomes
a. 50% of graduates will obtain employment in dietetics or a related field within one year of internship completion.	Annual graduate survey	Annual graduate survey is emailed to graduates of the past 5 years of the DPD program.	DPD Director	Annually	2013-2015: 8/9 (88%) 2014-2016: 6/7 (86%) 2015-2017: 7/8 (88%) 2016-2018: **

* This cohort has not been graduated for 3 years.

**This cohort has not been out of internship for a year. This data will be available in 2020.