1. Feedback from IDEA evaluations and other surveys indicated students desired more opportunities for interaction among their dietitian colleagues enrolled in the program. Expanded opportunities for networking and shared learning are being incorporated into the program.

2. The enrollment cap was increased from 15 to 30 due to an increase in applications. Past applications have numbered up to 13 in recent years. This past year, 31 qualified applications were received with 30 new students admitted. A registered dietitian with a master’s degree was hired to assist in grading and other course duties to maintain program quality with the greater number of students.

3. In the coming year, we plan to survey MDA program graduates who are now at numbers that will provide valid survey data. Target areas for the survey include feedback on program objectives, course content and graduates’ career progression since completing the MDA.