

Goals and Objectives for the Didactic Program in Nutritional Sciences

Goal 1: To prepare graduates for successful entry into and completion of a dietetic internship.

- a. 60% of program graduates apply for admission to a supervised practice program prior to or within 12 months of graduation.
- b. 90% of KRDNs (core knowledge for the registered dietitian) assessed by program graduates upon completion of the program, will be rated on average at least satisfactory based on the following scale, 1= needs improvement, 2= satisfactory, 3= above average and 4= excellent. 90% of program graduates who are assessed one and three years after completing the program, will rate on average our program at least satisfactory at adequately preparing them for an internship, graduate school, or their current position.
- c. Supervised Practice Program Director Satisfaction will rate 100% of graduates of their internship program at least satisfactory prepared through UConn DPD coursework for their internship based on the following scale: 1= needs improvement, 2= satisfactory, 3= above average, and 4= excellent.
- d. 80% of program graduates will complete the Didactic Plan of Study within 3 years of declaring the didactic concentration.
- e. 65% of program graduates are admitted to a supervised practice program within 12 months of graduation.
- f. 90% of program graduates beginning a supervised practice program will complete the program.

Goal 2: To prepare graduates for graduate education or employment in the dietetics field.

- a. 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%.
- b. 70% of DPD graduates will remain employed in a field related to nutrition and dietetics when assessed 5 years after completion of the program.
- c. 60% of DPD graduates who earn a verification statement, but do not apply or are not placed in a supervised practice program will either take the DTR exam, re-take courses, attend a post-baccalaureate education program or gain employment in the dietetics field within two years of completion of the didactic program in dietetics.
- d. 60% of DPD graduates will either complete at least one independent study, field experiences and/or be involved in research with faculty members.

Program outcomes data are available on request

