Coordinated Program Philosophy and Mission

Philosophy
The ultimate goal of the program is to prepare competent entry-level dietetic practitioners. Toward this end, as students progress through, they build the knowledge and skills necessary to assess an individual’s nutritional status; to diagnose, implement, monitor, and evaluate nutrition services, and be active contributors and leaders within their practice setting and profession.

Compatible with the mission of the University of North Dakota, the CP promotes the belief that an education at UND aids the student in developing:

- The ability to make informed choices
- The ability to communicate effectively
- Intellectual curiosity and creativity
- A continuing commitment to learning
- A capacity and interest in serving others
- A sense of responsibility both to specific communities and to a culturally pluralistic world
- Greater personal satisfaction through access to the larger social, political, economic, scientific and aesthetic culture

In such an environment, the dietetics curriculum provides for general and specialized professional education. The curriculum is based on the following beliefs:

- Students need to be educated to be alert and sensitive to an individual's needs – physical, intellectual, emotional, and social – in order to provide nutritional services.
- The best education provides an integration of theory, knowledge, and an opportunity to acquire skills through supervised practice.
- Professional dietetic education must include foodservice systems management, medical nutrition therapy and community dietetics.
- Professional development is a lifelong process.

Mission Statement
The mission of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics at the University of North Dakota is to prepare entry-level dietetic practitioners, who are committed to lifelong learning. Faculty, students and graduates serve the public through scholarly and creative endeavors and service activities that advance the profession of dietetics and promote optimal nutrition in individuals and groups. Our mission includes service especially to those living in rural and/or underserved communities.