Program Goals and Outcome Measures

Program Goal #1: Prepare graduates for entry-level practice as competent dietitians, especially in rural settings.

Outcome Measures:
1. Over a five-year period, 90% of students beginning the professional phase of the program (fall semester, junior year) will complete the CP within three years (150% of expected CP completion time).
2. Over a five-year period, at least 80% of CP graduates will pass the Registration Examination for Dietitians on the first try.
3. Over a five-year period, 70% or more of CP graduates who sought employment in dietetics will be employed within three months of graduation.
4. Over a five-year period, 80% of CP graduates will be employed in dietetics-related jobs or pursuing advanced education within six months of graduation.
5. Over a five-year period, 90% of employed CP graduates responding to the one-year post-graduation survey will rate themselves as prepared or well prepared for their first position.
6. Over a five-year period, 90% of employers of CP graduates responding to the one-year post-graduation employer survey will rate the graduate as prepared or well prepared for their first position.
7. Over a five-year period, 90% or more of graduates responding to the item on the one-year post-graduation survey will rate themselves as prepared or well prepared for practice in a rural environment.
8. Over a five-year period, 90% or more of employers of CP graduates responding to the item on the one-year post-graduation employer survey will rate the graduate as prepared or well prepared for practice in a rural environment.

Program Goal #2: Instill graduates with a commitment to service to the profession and their communities.

Outcome Measures:
1. Over a five-year period, 80% of CP graduates responding to the one-year post-graduation survey will report membership in at least one professional organization.
2. Over a five-year period, at least 60% of CP graduates responding to the one-year post-graduation survey will report service in their community.

Program Goal #3: Prepare graduates to work effectively with diverse populations

Outcome Measures:
1. Over a five-year period, 80% of graduating dietetic students will demonstrate advancement in cultural competence during the CP based on self-evaluation (evaluated at the beginning of enrollment in N&D 335, at end of junior year in CP, and at completion of CP).
2. Over a five-year period, 80% of CP students in N&D 400 will report at least one service learning experience with underserved or diverse populations.
3. Over a five-year period, 90% of CP students will be evaluated by preceptors as being sensitive to the differences between themselves and others.
4. Over a five-year period, 90% or more of employers responding to the one-year post graduation employer survey will rate the CP graduate as able to work effectively with diverse populations (gender, age, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, etc.).