

Written Plan for Ongoing Program Assessment Plan

Mission of the Didactic Program in Dietetics

To prepare graduates to successfully enter a CADE accredited supervised practice program, graduate school, or a variety of employment opportunities related to food and nutrition.

Program Goal

Goal #1 – To develop and offer an undergraduate dietetics curriculum that attracts students to the dietetics profession and stimulates continuity in the program which allows students to accomplish their goal.

Desired Outcome Measures/Statements	Data Assessed	Assessment Method	Assessed by:	Action Plan	Timeframe (finished?)
Over a 5 year period, persistence and completion rates for the Dietetics Program will meet or exceed available university wide data. (Persistence is defined as the number of students that declare the Food and Nutrition option from one semester to the next, whereas completion rates are the number of students that graduate.)	Food and Nutrition enrollment and data from the Office of Planning and Analysis regarding persistence in the Food and Nutrition option (now major) compared to that of the university. Graduation records from the HHD department.	Review graduation records annually. Persistence evaluated every 5 years by Office of Planning and Analysis	DPD Program Director and Assistant Director of Office of Planning and Analysis	Prospective students meet with an advisor to discuss curriculum and program. Advisor meets with students to ensure curriculum plan updated each semester. Student personal issues are addressed in a timely fashion, ie unexpected changes in health, finances, etc.	Annually each June (on-going)
85% of students enrolled in the professional courses in the third year of a bachelor-level DPD or first year of a graduate-level DPD are expected to complete program/degree requirements within 150% of the time planned for completion (3 years)	Course enrollment and Food and Nutrition student advising rosters of juniors and seniors.	Review graduation records annually.	Program Director	Advisor meets each semester with students to ensure curriculum plan updated and student informed of completion time needed to graduate.	Annually each June (on-going)

Program Goal

Goal #2- To prepare students to meet the foundation, knowledge, skills and competency requirements for Didactic Programs in Dietetics as defined by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education.

Desired Outcome Measures/Statements	Data Assessed	Assessment Method	Assessed by:	Action Plan	Timeframe (finished?)
Supervised practice application rate: Over a five-year period, 60% of DPD graduates will apply to supervised practice programs the academic year they complete the program.	Student exit interviews and request for Intention to Complete forms	Review of student exit interviews and/or personal interviews.	Program Director	Periodic Individual interviews with each student to assess that student’s current GPA, volunteer and work experience to determine if the student will be a competitive candidate for a supervised practice program will be conducted at advising appointments and during HDFN 400 senior seminar in the fall before the application is due.	Fall and Spring semesters Annually (on going)
Supervised practice program placement (match) rate will exceed 80% over a 5 year time span for the Dietetics Program Graduates who apply the academic year they complete the program.	Record of Acceptance from April Match report from D and D digital and surveys of graduates.	Review data in April	Program director	Assist students with understanding and completion of supervised practice application in fall before Feb. application is made.	Annually (on-going)
Over 5 years, 80% of the MSU Dietetics Program graduates returning surveys will rate the quality of their education and on how well prepared they were for a	Follow-up Surveys of MSU graduates the first year after graduation.	Surveys collected annually in late spring or summer.	Program Director	Surveys will be made available on Survey Monkey, and MSU graduates invited to participate.	Surveys sent out in late spring or summer.

supervised practice, graduate school or employment at least a 3 on a scale of 1 to 4. (1 = Unsatisfactory and 4 = Excellence- exceeds expectations)					
Over a 5 year period, MSU Graduates achieve a first time pass rate of 80% or higher on the RD exam.	RD exam scores	Registration Examination for Dietitians Five Year Summary Report	Program Director	Review of pass rate. If examinee releases their name this information can be used to compare with students record at MSU to determine strengths and weaknesses. Many students do not release their names.	March Annually (on going)
Over 5 years, 80% of the Supervised Practice Directors will rate the quality of the MSU Dietetics Program graduates preparedness for a supervised practice at least a 3 on a scale of 1 to 4. (1 = Unsatisfactory and 4 = Excellence-exceeds expectations)	Follow-up surveys to Directors of Supervised Practice Programs	Analysis of survey results	Program Director	Directors/preceptors of Supervised Practice Programs will be invited to participate in a survey via Survey Monkey.	Late spring or summer, the year following graduation. Annually (On going)
Over 5 years, 70% of graduates who do not continue to a dietetic internship will be employed in dietetics related jobs or enrolled in an advanced education program.	Follow-up Surveys of MSU graduates the first year after graduation	Analysis of survey results	Program Director	Surveys will be made available on Survey Monkey, and MSU graduates invited to participate.	Late spring or summer, the year following graduation. Annually (On going)

Program Goal

Goal #3 – To instill graduates with a commitment to community service,

Desired Outcome Measures/Statements	Data Assessed	Assessment Method	Assessed by:	Action Plan	Timeframe (finished?)
75% of Senior Students will report being involved in one or more community service activities independently or as part of the student dietetic association.	Senior Surveys and Exit Interviews	Evaluation of Senior Surveys and Exit Interviews	Program Director	Encourage students to be involved throughout their undergraduate program.	Annually (ongoing)
100% of faculty RDs will indicate that they participate in one or more community service activities.	Annual faculty survey	Evaluation of results	Program Director	Encourage faculty to become involved in community agencies and in the Montana Dietetic Association.	Annually (ongoing)
75% of graduates responding to the Alumni survey will report becoming involved in their communities through volunteer activities related to nutrition.	Alumni Survey completed every 5 years.	Evaluation of survey results	Program Director	Encourage volunteer activities through the student dietetic association and other nutrition related groups.	Survey every 5 years, starting in 2010.