

UNMC Dietetic Internship Program

Mission and Goals

UNMC Dietetic Internship Program Mission:

The mission of the UNMC Dietetic Internship Program is to prepare quality entry-level nutrition practitioners within a premier educational environment, instilling the value of excellence in patient care, evidence based professional service, and contribution to health sciences through scholarly activity.

UNMC Dietetic Internship Program Goals

The current goals for the UNMC Dietetic Internship Program evolve directly from the program mission and the mission of the sponsoring institution. They are:

1. To prepare quality entry-level nutrition practitioners.
2. To foster an appreciation for the value of a graduate degree/advanced level practice credential and lifelong learning.
3. To support faculty and student participation in scholarly activity.
4. To prepare graduates who demonstrate a commitment to professional and community service.

Outcome Statements and Target Measures

The program has established outcome statements and target measures for each of the broad program goals, as follows:

1. To prepare quality entry-level nutrition practitioners.
 - 1.1. At least 90% of the students who enter the program complete it within 14 months of the start date (approximately 133% of the time planned for completion).
 - 1.2. At program completion, graduates rate their overall preparation for an entry-level dietetics position as ≥ 4 on a 5-point scale.
 - 1.3. Graduates achieve a 100% first-time pass rate on the Registration Examination for Dietitians.
 - 1.4. Within 3-months of program completion, 90% of graduates obtain professional employment or actively pursue a graduate/professional degree.
 - 1.5. At one-year post-graduation, all alumni report preparation for entry-level practice as “yes” on surveys and respond that they would recommend the program to others.
 - 1.6. At one-year post-graduation, all employers of program alumni report preparation for entry-level practice as “yes” on surveys and respond that they would hire another graduate of this program.

2. To foster an appreciation for the value of a graduate degree/advanced level practice credential and lifelong learning.
 - 2.1. All dietetic interns successfully complete 15-20 semester hours of graduate level credit while enrolled in the program.
 - 2.2. All (100%) graduate level courses completed during the program contribute to achievement of multiple CADE competencies and program specific emphasis area competencies.
 - 2.3. At time of graduation, at least 20% of graduating students are enrolled in a graduate program within the University of Nebraska system.
 - 2.4. At one year post-graduation, 50% of alumni indicate on the survey that they are pursuing a graduate/professional degree, advanced level practice credential or have included either of these in their 5-year portfolio plan.
3. To support faculty and student participation in scholarly activity.
 - 3.1. At least 40% of the nutrition therapy adjunct instructors publish in peer review journals, write book chapters, author articles in peer review dietetic practice group publications or have abstracts accepted for national professional meetings.
 - 3.2. At least 20% of students co-author abstracts with program faculty.
4. To prepare graduates who demonstrate a commitment to professional and community service.
 - 4.1. All dietetic interns are student members of the American Dietetic Association.
 - 4.2. At one year post-graduation, all alumni indicate that they are members of national and state/local professional associations.