



2020 SELF-STUDY FOR ACEND DPD REACCREDITATION

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Food Science Nutrition Didactic Program in Dietetics
(DPD) at Sam Houston State University

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**Application for Accreditation Cover Pages -- ACEND 2017 Accreditation Standards
Nutrition and Dietetics Didactic Program (DPD)**

Date: July 22, 2020
Program name: Food Science and Nutrition Didactic Program in Dietetics
Sponsoring institution: Sam Houston State University
City: Huntsville **State:** Texas

Substantive program changes included in report: ☒ **No** | ☐ **Yes** **List change:** _____

Degree granted — (check all that apply):

☒ Baccalaureate ☐ Master's ☐ Doctoral ☐ Verification Statement Only

Distance Education — (check if applicable):

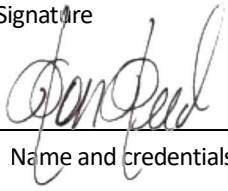
☐ 30% or more of DPD required courses (not general education)

Other Program Options — (check all that apply):

☐ ISPP ☐ Part-time ☐ Other _____

The program is aware of and agrees to abide by the accreditation standards and policies and procedures established and published for accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics.

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**This form must be submitted with the application packet documenting compliance with ACEND's 2017 Accreditation Standards.*

***The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics will not process an application without the signature of the sponsoring institution's CEO or designated officer.*

Program Summary Information

Directions: The summary information on the following pages is used by the review team and the ACEND board for conducting your program's review. This information must be consistent with the detailed information in the self-study report, so be as accurate as possible. Please note that ACEND reserves the right to request additional information while conducting its review of the program.

Program Name:	Sam Houston State University Food Science and Nutrition Program
Sponsoring Organization:	Sam Houston State University
Sponsor's Accreditor or Recognition Body:	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Executive Summary of the Program

Briefly (in one page or less) provide an overview of your program (including short history, tracks/pathways, degree granted, distance or onsite education, etc.) and any changes over the last seven years that have impacted the program.

History of the Program

Sam Houston State University (SHSU), located in Huntsville, Texas, was created by the Texas Legislature in 1879 as Sam Houston Normal Institute dedicated to the education and training of teachers for the public schools. The baccalaureate degree was first awarded in 1919. In 1923, the institution's name was changed to Sam Houston State Teachers College. Two years later, the college was admitted to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) as an accredited institution of higher learning. A graduate degree was authorized in 1936, and following World War II, an increase in students and faculty as well as a wide range of faculty research activities provided the impetus for the emergence of a multi-purpose institution. In 1965, the institution became Sam Houston State College, and then in 1969, Sam Houston State University. Currently, SHSU is organized into eight colleges: Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Education, Health Sciences, Fine Arts & Mass Communication, Humanities and Social Sciences, Science & Engineering Technology, and Osteopathic Medicine (founded in 2019). The University and its faculty are recognized regionally, nationally, and internationally.

*The Home Economics Program originated in 1909 with a primary concern for the domestic arts. In 1945, a graduate degree was approved. By the 1970s, it had become a department and had expanded its curriculum to include emphasis in four additional areas of specialization: fashion merchandising, food science and nutrition, foodservice management, and interior design. The name of the department was changed to Consumer Services, Fashion, and Design in 1988, and then to Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) in 1996. Originally part of the College of Education, in 2004 the department was moved to the newly created College of Humanities and Social Sciences. During August of 2014, the Texas Board of Regents voted that all degrees and programs in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, including the **Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Nutrition** (the single track for the undergraduate degree; offered at the Main Campus in Huntsville and on-site only) and the Master of Science in Dietetics, be moved to the recently formed College of Health Sciences. The approval was finalized in October of 2014. The current DPD Director was a part of the planning for the transition from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to the College of Health Sciences.*

More recently, SHSU has expanded its reach by offering programs partially or fully online, at the Woodlands Center (an additional campus located in The Woodlands, Texas, 35 miles from SHSU Main Campus), and at various other sites. While students may elect to take some of the core courses through online delivery, as well as FACS 2362 Nutrition (the introductory nutrition course for the BS in Food Science and Nutrition), the remaining courses in the curriculum must be taken in a face-to-face setting.

History of Accreditation

In 1994, the Food Science and Nutrition Program was an approved Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) by the Commission on Accreditation of Dietetic Education (CADE). During 2001, both the DPD and the Dietetic Internship (DI) were granted developmental accreditation by CADE. In 2006, the DPD was granted accreditation by CADE. Since 2006, the DPD has adhered to the Standards of Accreditation, including the 2012 accreditation standards and now the 2017 standards required for reaccreditation.

Significant quality improvements have been made since the initial accreditation of 2001 through additions to faculty lines, staff, resources, and funding support based the President and her cabinet's strategic plans and trends (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) as well as the projections predicted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Global Health Workforce Alliance (11, 12, 13, 14, 15). The hiring of new faculty has allowed the program to provide systematic offerings of courses consistent with the four-year plan of study. We have been able to minimize the need for having two levels of students in the same course because course offerings are more frequent. New campus relationships to support experiential learning activities have been established with the Student Health Center, Recreational Center/Wellness, and the Inter-Professional Education (IPE) working group.

Standard 1: Program Characteristics & Finances

All programs applying for accreditation by ACEND must meet requirements not limited to quality-assurance or oversight by other agencies, organizational structure, financial stability, sufficient resources, the awarding of degrees and/or verification statements, program length and program management.

Directions: Ensure that each Required Element is addressed below according to the Guidance Information, which may include specific narrative and appendices using ACEND required templates.

Required Element 1.1

The program must be housed in a college or university located in the U.S. or its territories and accredited in good standing by a U.S. regional institutional accrediting body for higher education.

Narrative:

- Explain how the organization is in compliance with this required element. Describe the impact, if any, of the current status of the program, if the organization/institution is out of compliance with their oversight agency.
- State the name of the U.S. regional accrediting body and the institution's current accreditation status.
Your response goes here
- *The program is housed at Sam Houston State University which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) through year 2029 (Exhibits 16, 17). This is an 11-state region. The SACSCOS Reaffirmation Timeline was noted in the introductory remarks.*

Required Element 1.2

The program must be integrated within the administrative structure of the sponsoring organization, as evidenced by an organization chart showing the relationship of the dietitian nutritionist education program to other programs/services.

Narrative:

- Describe the administrative structure of the institution/organization and where the program is housed.
Your response goes here.
- *The College of Health Sciences was formed in the fall of 2013, one of eight colleges within SHSU. The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences was relocated from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences during October of 2014. The attached Organizational Charts for both the University and the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences are attached which shows the location of the Undergraduate Food Science and Nutrition Program (DPD) in line with this department (Exhibits 19,20). The DPD Director was a part of the committee which worked on the relocation of the Department of Family and Consumers Sciences to the College of Health Sciences during the spring of 2014.*
- *Organizational Charts for the University and the Department are in the Appendices.*

Required Element 1.3

The program must demonstrate that it has the administrative, technical and financial support; and the learning resources, physical facilities and support services needed to accomplish its goals. Programs offering pathways (such as Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway) or tracks (such as distance, part-time/full-time, undergraduate/graduate) must document the financial support and learning resources provided to each pathway or track.

- a. The program must provide a description of the budgeting process for the program that demonstrates financial resources are sufficient to produce the desired short- and long-term program and student outcomes.
- b. The program must identify its maximum enrollment to ensure quality, viability and appropriate use of resources.

Narrative:

- Explain the adequacy of program resources (e.g., administrative, technical, and IT support, financial, physical facilities, learning resources, support services) to meet the needs of all program tracks/pathways and produce the desired outcomes.

Standard 3: Program Mission, Goals and Objective

The program must have a clearly formulated and publicly stated mission with supporting goals and objectives by which it intends to prepare students for supervised practice leading to eligibility for the CDR credentialing exam to become a registered dietitian nutritionist. The mission, goals and objectives must be congruent and support the program.

Directions: Ensure that each Required Element is addressed below according to the Guidance Information, which may include specific narrative and appendices using ACEND required templates.

Required Element 3.1

The program must have a mission that distinguishes it from other programs in the sponsoring organization, is compatible with the mission statement or philosophy of the sponsoring organization and states its preparation of students for supervised practice leading to eligibility for the CDR credentialing exam to become a registered dietitian nutritionist.

Narrative:

- Provide the mission statements for the institution, the college and/or department in which the program resides and the program, itself.
- Analyze the congruence of the program's mission statement with the institution, college and/or department missions.
- Provide explanation if the mission has changed during the accreditation cycle; may reference evidence provided for Standard 4.
- [Sam Houston State University](#)
- *The Mission: Provide high quality education, scholarship and service to qualified students for the benefit of regional, state, national and international constituencies.*
- [COHS – College of Health Sciences](#)
- *Mission: Advancing knowledge and practice to inspire the lifelong pursuit of health and well-being.*
- [FACS – Family & Consumer Sciences](#)
- *Mission: The mission of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences is to prepare future professionals with the knowledge and skills to positively impact individuals, families and communities.*
- [DPD Program in Food Science and Nutrition](#)
- *Mission: The didactic program in dietetics at Sam Houston State University is: an inclusive program whose mission is to provide quality, scholarship and community service opportunities to a diverse student body in order to complete the knowledge requirements set by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) so that graduates are competitive in the Dietetic Internship application process and eligible for a global marketplace meeting individual and family needs in the food or health-care industry.*
- *Congruence of all Mission Statements: All mission statements are consistent with educating students for health and well-being for a global marketplace for consumers, family and patients in the food or health-care industry.*
- *Changes in Mission statements: As we changed from College of Humanities and Social Sciences to the College of Health Sciences, historically speaking, this was a better fit for our department and the DPD program in Food Science and Nutrition. Therefore, changes in the mission statements were warranted.*

Required Element 3.2

The program must have at least two goals focused on program outcomes that are consistent with the program's mission.