

Dietetics MS

G - Dietetic Professional Preparation as an entry level RD

Goal Description:

Program graduates will be able to address individual and community nutritional needs as competent entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists.

Providing Department: Dietetics MS

RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS -----

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

90% pass rate for the RD Exam within 12 months

Learning Objective Description:

At least 90% percent of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

3 Year Pass Rate for RD Exam

Indicator Description:

Over a three-year, at least 80% of graduates will pass the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionist within one year following first attempt

Criterion Description:

The one-year pass rate for the past seven years has been 92%, so this is a realistic target measure for graduates and indicates that the DI program prepares graduates to pass the RD exam successfully. For the public, the program supplies competent entry-level dietitians who are prepared to serve southern Texas communities.

2020 - 2022 - 27/30 90%

2019-2021-30/31 97%

2018-2020- 29/31 94%

2017-2019 – 26/30 87%

2016-2018 – 26/29 90%

2015-2017 – 26/28 93%

Attached Files

 [RD_2021-Acend_5yr_Summary-2328_InternPgm.pdf](#)

Findings Description:

The three-year pass rate for the RD Exam within the first year was 81.48% for 2021 - 2023. This lowers our 5-year average to 86.4%. We experienced a downturn in 2022; students had challenges passing the exam. Since the percentage has begun to increase back up to 75%.

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 [RD_2023-Acend_1yr_Summary-2328_InternPgm-3.pdf](#)

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

Five year pass rate of the RD Exam

Action Description:

The Program Director has changed the two-day review course to a different company. Inman has been a leader in RD Exam Prep for several decades. We have been unable to schedule her training due to schedule conflicts. We have scheduled her for the 2024 cohort. I anticipate higher pass rates with the 2024 graduating class.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

CDR Credentialing Exam

Indicator Description:

At least 90% percent of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.

Criterion Description:

The 90% target measure was set because it is an achievable yet rigorous measure based on previous program data regarding the timeframe in which graduates took the RDN exam. From 2015 – 2021, 98% of graduates took the RDN exam within one year of completing the DI program, suggesting that graduates are prepared and confident in their knowledge to pass the exam successfully. For the public, the program supplies competent RDs who can serve the community in a timely manner.

2021-9/9 100%

2020 – 10/ 100%

2019 – 10/ 100%

2018 – 10/ 100%

2017 – 10/ 100%

2016 – 10/ 100%

2015 – 9/9 100%

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Findings Description:

At least 90% percent of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.

2023 - 9/10 90%

2022 - 8/8 100%

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

One year pass rate of RD Exam

Action Description:

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RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

Employment of 70% of those seeking employment with in nutrition and dietetics

Learning Objective Description:

Of graduates who seek employment, at least 70% percent are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

Professional employment

Indicator Description:

Of graduates who seek employment, at least 70% percent are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.

Criterion Description:

At least 70% of program graduates who seek employment in the nutrition field are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.

Findings Description:

Of graduate who sought employment (5), at 80% percent (4/5) are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

Improve the ability to assess the employment of new graduates.

Action Description:

The Program Director will follow up with alumni more frequently to maintain relationships. I will also send out an email prior to the survey to express the importance for the program to receive feedback from employers. The goal is to increase the alumni response rate and employer response rate.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

One year pass rate of the RD Exam is at least 80%

Learning Objective Description:

The program's one-year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

Program's One Year Pass Rate

Indicator Description:

The program's one-year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%

Criterion Description:

The program's one-year pass rate for graduates who pass the Registered Dietitian exam within one year of the first attempt on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%

Findings Description:

75% (6 of 8) graduates passed the registration exam within one year of the first attempt on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

Action - Program's One Year Pass Rate

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RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

Program Completion

Learning Objective Description:

At least 80% of program interns complete program/degree requirements within 24 months (150% of the program length). (RE 3.3.b.1)

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

Program completion within 26 months

Indicator Description:

At least 80% of program interns complete program/degree requirements within 26 months (150% of the program length)”. (RE 3.3.b.1)

Criterion Description:

At least 80% of the students must complete the program and degree requirements within 26 months or 150% of the program length.

Findings Description:

100% of students, 10/10, completed the program within *program/degree requirements within 26 months (150% of the program length)”. (RE 3.3.b.1)*

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

Graduation Rates

Action Description:

Graduation rates have remained consistant and at 100%. The program will implement a manuscript option for interested students in Fall 2024, with the contingency of completing the comprehensive Exam if they are unable to complete the manuscript. This will keep our graduation rates at 100%.

G - Graduate Competency in evidenced based approach

Goal Description:

Program graduates will demonstrate an evidence-based approach to their practice to enhance individuals' health, wellness, and quality of life in the community, the nation, and the world.

Providing Department: Dietetics MS

RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS -----

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

80% of program graduate will use evidence based practice

Learning Objective Description:

At least 80% of MS/DI program graduates will respond with a 3.0 – they agree or 4.0 - they strongly agree that they used evidence-based nutrition to improve the health and wellness of individuals.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

Use of Evidence-based Medicine

Indicator Description:

At least 80% of MS/DI program graduates will respond with a 3.0 – they agree or 4.0 - they strongly agree that they used evidence-based nutrition to improve the health and wellness of individuals.

Criterion Description:

In the 2020-2021 cohort, when contacted one-year post graduation (November 2022), the majority 6/7 reported they strongly agree that they use evidence-based nutrition to improve the health and wellness of individuals. The average score was 3.85 on a 4-point scale.

Findings Description:

50% (3 of 6) of MS/DI program graduates responded with a 3.0—they agree—or 4.0—they strongly agree that they used evidence-based nutrition to improve individuals' health and wellness.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

Graduates use of evidence based medicine

Action Description:

The Program Director has worked to develop relationships with other clinical rotation sites and include more simulation clinical practice into the course work. The manuscript option will also improve the student's ability to read and interpret evidence-based practice.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

90% of program graduate will be rated as prepared for entry level employment by their employer

Learning Objective Description:

On the Employer Survey, at least 90% of employers will indicate that MS/DI program graduates are prepared for entry-level employment during their first year by rating their satisfaction level with a 3.0 - satisfactory or 4.0 - more than satisfactory.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

Employers review on abilities

Indicator Description:

On the Employer Survey, at least 90% of employers will indicate that program graduates can work through nutrition-related problems and ideas using critical thinking by rating their satisfaction level with a 3.0 - satisfactory or 4.0 - more than satisfactory.

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Findings Description:

Of the 6 students who responded to the survey only 1 provided her employers information. The employer was contacted but did not respond.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

Action - Employers review on abilities

Action Description:

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RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

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RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

Employers Satisfaction

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New Update to Previous Cycle's Plan for Continuous Improvement Item

Previous Cycle's Plan For Continuous Improvement (Do Not Modify):

Closing Summary

These items will be continuously worked on:

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- Continue to meet with potential preceptors for rotation sites and survey their needs for accepting dietetic interns. Continue to identify preceptors and build relationships for the internship.
- The DI Director and dietetic interns will attend local and state-level dietetic association meetings to represent SHSU and network with other RD professionals to build new preceptor relationships.
- Design at least one lecture for each content area of the RDN exam
- Invite members to be part of the Dietetic Internship Advisory Board
- Set a date to meet with the Dietetic Internship Advisory Board
- Create an Alumni DI Group - to improve follow-up with Alumni DI. - This is set, we hope to plan future events with this group.
- Enhance marketing for new students. This will be implemented with a pre-select program for Fall 2024 cohort.
- Continue to expand the educational content throughout the program for the RD exam.
- Identify additional resources for RD Exam practice questions.
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Update of Progress to the Previous Cycle's PCI:

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