Mission Statement (For Dietetic Internship Component)

The mission of the Saint Elizabeth University Dietetic Internship Program is to provide graduates with didactic and supervised practice experiences meeting the requirements of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) and prepare graduates for entry level practice as Registered Dietitian Nutritionists. With unique learning opportunities and strong faculty support, the program promotes the professional development of each dietetic intern within his or her concentration in Entrepreneurial Nutrition Practice or Community and Public Health Nutrition.

Rooted in the University’s institutional mission, the Saint Elizabeth University Dietetic Internship extends the University’s long history of academic excellence and quality education with a concentration on leadership in dietetics, service to the community and ethical practice.

Goal One

Graduates will be prepared for ethical, evidence-based entry level positions in dietetics meeting the Core Competencies for the RD as established by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) with an emphasis on acquisition of knowledge and practice skills specific to the Entrepreneurial Nutrition Practice Concentration or Community and Public Health Nutrition Concentration.

Objectives: (Note: the word student refers to “graduates” in both concentrations.)

- 95% percent of graduates who enter the program will successfully complete the program
- At least 80% of program graduates/interns complete program/degree requirements within 15.75 months (150% of supervised practice length)
- Upon completion of the program, 90% of the graduates will indicate that they “completely agree” with the statement “I feel prepared for an entry-level dietetics position”
- Upon completion of the program, 90% of the graduates will indicate that they “completely agree” with the statement “I feel prepared for ethical, evidence-based practice”
- Upon completion of the program, 90% of graduates will indicate they have met at least “prepared level” of preparation for the CSE Concentration either Entrepreneurial Nutrition Practice or Community and Public Health Nutrition
- 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%. (report is provided 2 times a year)
- 90% of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion
- Of program graduates who seek employment 80% are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months
- 90% of responding graduates will indicate they feel the program prepared them to assume the responsibilities of their current position at 3 or above*
- 75% percent of Educational Coordinators and other employers of program completers will indicate they feel interns were prepared for entry level practice at a level of 3 on a scale of 1-5 (5 highest)* on a Targeted Employer Survey)*

Outcomes Data is collected and Maintained in the Dietetic Internship Office.

Aggregated outcomes data is available upon request.
● 80% of responding Educational Coordinators and other employers will rate Graduates at 3 or above* in competence for entry level dietetic practice in comparison to peers

**Goal Two**
Graduates will develop skills and a commitment to service through the exposure to community rotations, self-assessment of competence, initiation of draft continuing education plan and completion of capstone portfolio.

**Objective:** *(Note: the word student refers to “graduates” in both concentrations.)*

- Upon completion of the program, 90% of graduates will indicate that the faculty provided opportunities for service through community rotations at 4 or above*
- Upon completion of the program, 90% of graduates will indicate that they have developed leadership and professional dietetic practice skills at 4 or above*
- Upon completion of the program, 100% of the program graduates will complete a draft continuing education plan (demonstration version of the “Goal Wizard”)
- Upon completion of the program, 100% of program graduates will complete a capstone portfolio at expected level
- 80% of responding graduates surveyed will indicate membership in Academy and/or another professional organization and/or pursuit of additional credentialing
- 80% percent of responding graduates who submit a CDR Continuing Ed Plan will indicate that they incorporated material from the draft continuing education plan completed in the dietetic internship
- At least 70% of responding Graduates surveyed will indicate a commitment to service in one or more of the following ways:
  - Employed by or volunteers for an organization which provides food/nutrition services to underserviced populations
  - Promotes nutrition and wellness education through classroom education (preK-12)
  - Volunteers in a professional organization
  - Promotes sustainability in food and nutrition services within the workplace or community
  - Volunteers to provide food and/or nutrition education and/or services in the community
  - Serves as a member of employers’ ethics committee
  - Serves as a preceptor (for any DT/CP/DI supervised practice program), under an Educational Coordinator with greater than one year of experience
  - Other, self-identified service
- 80% of responding employers will rate Graduates at 3 or above* in leadership skills in comparison to peers

*On a scale of 1-5 with 5 as the highest score of agreement or perception.

**Mission Statement (M.S. in Nutrition)**
The mission of the M.S. in Nutrition Program is to provide excellence and innovation in teaching and outreach in order to engage learners in a collaborative, interactive learning environment that encourages critical inquiry and informs ethical, evidence-based nutrition practice in a spirit of service, social responsibility and leadership.
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