

Eastern Kentucky University Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) Program Mission and Goals

Mission

The mission of the DPD is to prepare students for careers in nutrition and dietetics, and for success as professionals and leaders who demonstrate critical and creative thinking and effective communication to improve the lives of individuals, families, and communities.

Goals and Objectives

Program Goal 1: The DPD Program will prepare competent graduates for entry into supervised practice, graduate school, and/or entry-level positions in a variety of food and nutrition settings.

- ***Outcome 1.1:** At least 60 percent of program graduates apply for admission to a supervised practice program prior to or within 12 months of graduation.
- ***Outcome 1.2:** Of program graduates who apply to a supervised practice program, at least 60 percent are admitted within 12 months of graduation.
- **Outcome 1.3:** At least 70 percent of program graduates not accepted into supervised practice, are enrolled in further educational program or find employment in a food/nutrition or health related field within 12 months of graduation.
- ***Outcome 1.4:** At least 80% of students complete program requirements within 3 years (150% of planned program length).

Program Goal 2: The DPD Program will prepare graduates who demonstrate critical and creative thinking and effective communication.

- ***Outcome 2.1:** 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%.
- ***Outcome 2.2:** DPD graduates in supervised practice, graduate programs, or employment rate 90% of all categories average or above on the DPD Graduate Performance Survey within 12 months of graduation.

****ACEND required program objectives***