

Master of Science in Nutrition, Dietetics Concentration

Mission Statement

Our mission is to produce entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists who are resourceful leaders, effectively serving the nutrition needs of diverse persons in their communities with integrity, compassion, and respect.

Program Goals & Objectives

Goal 1: Program graduates will be competent for entry-level practice as registered dietitian nutritionists (RDN) in all required competencies.

- At least 80% of students complete program requirements within 3 years (150% of the program length). (RE 2.1.c.1.a)
- Of graduates who seek employment, at least 80 percent are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation. (RE 2.1.c.1.b)
- At least 80 percent of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion. (RE 2.1.c.1.c.1)
- “The program’s one-year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of the first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%. (RE 2.1.c.1.c.2)
- At least 80 percent of employers who respond to a survey on program graduates in their first year of employment will rate them as “above average” on professional knowledge and skills expected in entry-level dietitians. (RE 2.1.c.1.d)
- On the alumni survey one-year post program completion, at least 80 percent of graduates will rate themselves as “satisfied” or above with their ability to perform entry-level RDN competencies in their work.

Goal 2: Program graduates will be prepared to be entry-level dietitian nutritionists who can work with an interdisciplinary team and individuals from diverse economic, ethnic, and educational backgrounds.

- One year after program completion, 80 percent of graduates will report the supervised experiential learning improved their skills in delivering information, products, and/or services to a culturally diverse population.

- One year after program completion, 80 percent of graduates will report the supervised experiential learning experience improved their skills in working with an interdisciplinary team.
- After the program, at least 80 percent of graduates will evaluate their ability to work with an interdisciplinary team and individuals from diverse economic, ethnic, and educational backgrounds as “more than satisfactory.”

Goal 3: Program graduates will be confident leaders capable of beneficial service on behalf of the community and the dietetics profession at large.

- After the program, at least 80 percent of graduates will indicate improvement in their leadership ability.
- One year after program completion, 80 percent of graduates will report involvement and service in the dietetics profession and/or the community at large.

Outcomes

Program outcomes data are available upon request. Contact Amy Cameron for more information at 205-726-4870 or acamero1@samford.edu.