



## **DPND MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the UNLV DPND is to prepare program graduates for supervised practice leading to eligibility for the CDR credentialing exam to become a registered dietitian nutritionist. In addition, the mission is to provide program graduates with the skills and knowledge to be comfortable and competent in their dietetic internship and serve as professionals capable of providing excellent entry-level dietetic services in numerous clinical, food service, management, and community-based settings. The program will provide an evidence-based curriculum that is clinical- and communication-focused, provides for a variety of practicum experiences, and promotes life-long learning, problem-solving, and the effectiveness of teamwork.

### **PROGRAM GOAL #1**

The program will prepare graduates for a dietetics career where they are able to use sound scientific knowledge and make evidence-based decisions in practice.

### **PROGRAM GOAL #2**

Graduates will demonstrate the ability to effectively educate, treat, and communicate with a diverse population.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

- At least 80% of students complete program/degree requirements within 3 years (150% of the program length). (RE 2.1.c.1.a)
- At least 60 percent of graduates apply for admission to a supervised practice program prior to or within 12 months of graduation. (RE 2.1.c.1.b.1)
- Of program graduates who apply to a supervised practice program, at least 50 percent are admitted within 12 months of graduation. (RE 2.1.c.1.b.2)
- 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%. (RE 2.1.c.1.c)
- At least 60 percent of graduates will be rated as "satisfactory" by employers and/or preceptors from supervised practice and graduate programs within 12 months of graduation. (RE 2.1.c.1.d)
- At least 40% of graduates will be from a minority ethnic or non-traditional age group (based on UNLV's student database).
- At least 80% of graduates will rate themselves as being at least prepared to work with a culturally/ethnically diverse population.

*Program Outcomes Data are available upon request. Please contact [samantha.coogan@unlv.edu](mailto:samantha.coogan@unlv.edu).*