# **Nutrition and Dietetics**

Doisy College of Health Sciences



# **Accreditation**

The didactic program in dietetics is accredited by The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND).

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### Mission, Goals and Objectives

#### **Saint Louis University Mission**

The pursuit of truth for the greater glory of God and for the service of humanity.

#### **Doisy College of Health Sciences Mission**

Rooted in Jesuit ideals, the Doisy College of Health Sciences serves humanity through education, research and engagement.

#### **Department of Nutrition and Dietetics Mission**

To us teaching, service and research to positively impact human health and wellbeing by promoting and utilizing sustainable practices in food and nutrition.

#### **Didactic Program in Dietetics Mission**

To prepare students for supervised practice leading to eligibility for the CDR credentialing exam to become an RDN who will become competent, compassionate and service-minded leaders in the field of nutrition and dietetics.

#### **Program Goals**

The Saint Louis University Didactic Program in Dietetics bases its strategic planning on the following four goals:

- To prepare a generalist, internship-eligible graduate who has achieved basic competencies as identified by the Core Knowledge Requirements and Expected Learning Outcomes
- To prepare a graduate who is knowledgeable about nutritional care in multiple settings and demonstrates specific personal and professional competencies
- To provide a basis for further development and life-long learning that will assure continued competence
- To prepare a graduate who will contribute to society based on development of a sense of community and social/civic responsibility

#### **Program Objectives**

**Goal 1:** To prepare a generalist, internship-eligible graduate who has achieved basic competencies as identified by the Core Knowledge Requirements and Expected Learning Outcomes

1.1 \*"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%".

- 1.2 \*"At least 70 percent of program graduates apply for admission to a supervised practice program prior to or within 12 months of graduation".
- 1.3 \* "At least 50 percent of program graduates are admitted to a supervised practice program within 12 months of graduation".
- 1.4 A minimum of 80 percent of students completing dietetic internships and/or post-baccalaureate programs will indicated that they "strongly agree" or "agree" that their undergraduate education adequately prepared them for their post BS education.
- 1.5 At least 80 percent of students completing dietetic internships and/or post-baccalaureate programs will indicate that they strongly agree or agree that their undergraduate education made them competitive with colleagues from other programs.
- 1.6 \*"At least 80% of program students\* complete program/degree requirements within 3 years (150% of the program length)".
  - -program completion rate is calculated by tracking students from the beginning of the junior year.
  - \*ACEND specific Objectives
- **Goal 2:** To prepare a graduate who is knowledgeable about nutritional care in multiple settings and demonstrates specific personal and professional competencies.
  - 2.1 A minimum of 80 percent of dietetic internship directors will indicate that graduates were more than satisfactorily prepared for success in their dietetic internship program.
  - 2.2 A minimum of 80 percent of students will indicate that they strongly agree or agree that they felt adequately prepared for the dietetic internship program.
- **Goal 3:** To provide a basis for further development and life-long learning that will assure continued competence.
  - 3.1 A minimum of 85% of graduates will answer that they agree or strongly agree that the DPD program instilled a desire for continued development as a self-learner.
- **Goal 4:** To prepare a graduate who will contribute to society based on development of a sense of community and social/civic responsibility.

- 4.1 A minimum of 75% of graduating seniors will have participated in a total of at least 20 hours of service learning by the end of the DPD program.
- 4.2 A minimum of 85 percent of graduates will indicate that they agree or strongly agree that the DPD program supported development of judgments respectful of the inherent dignity and worth of individuals.

## **Program Outcomes**

Program Outcomes data are available upon request.

## **Program Costs**

#### **Financial Assistance**

Financial aid is available through Saint Louis University. For information click here.

### **Nutrition and Dietetics Department-Specific Costs**

Clinical Practicum I and II	
Background Check	\$105
TB Test and Flu Shot	Variable depending on health insurance
Drug Screen	\$70
Lab Coat	\$20
Text Books	Variable
Nutrition Education	
Food for Cooking Demonstrations	\$10
DIET 2510: Ethnic Meal Management	\$50
DIET 2750: Found in Classical Cuisine	\$50
DIET 3140: Adv. Meat Analysis/Knife Skills	\$50
DIET 3200: Garde Manger Lab	\$50
DIET 3600: Food Science	\$50
DIET 3750: Adv. Cooking & World Cuisines	\$50
DIET 4010: Catering I	\$50
DIET 4260: Baking Lab	\$50
DIET 4280: Pastry Lab	\$50
DIET 4950: Culinary Philosophy & Practice	\$50
Culinary Students	
Knives	\$150
Chef Coat	\$50