Florida Department of Health in Pasco County
Dietetic Internship

Program Mission, Goals, and Outcome Measures

Mission:
To prepare entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists for leadership roles in the profession of Dietetics committed to improving the health status of the community.

Program Goals:
1: To provide a curriculum for the practice of evidence-based dietetics, with an emphasis on the competencies associated with public health and community nutrition.

2: To increase the number of registered, licensed dietitians specializing in public health and community nutrition in the state of Florida.

3: To assure a competent public health workforce by providing training opportunities for eligible staff to develop and expand their skills through participation in the Dietetic Internship and related professional organizations.

Outcome Measures:
1. At least 80% percent of program students or interns will complete program requirements within 14 months.

2. 80% of interns will achieve entry-level ratings (3 or greater score) for all competencies, as evaluated by preceptors upon completion of supervised practice hours.

3. 80% of employed graduates will rate themselves as well-prepared for their first employment position as public health/community nutrition professionals.

4. 80% of employers will rate graduate employees as “meets expectations” or higher when evaluating competency level and overall preparation as public health nutritionists.

5. 80% of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.

6. The program’s one-year pass rate on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%.

7. Of graduates who seek employment, 90% are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months.

8. 50% of interns will be selected from the pool of state-employee applicants each year.

9. 80% of graduates responding to the post-graduation survey will respond that they participate in a nutrition related association, organization, or group, are willing to mentor/precept future interns, and participate in lifelong learning.