

## Florida Department of Health in Pasco County Dietetic Internship

## **Program Mission, Goals, and Objectives**

## 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.

## **Goals and Objectives:**

**Goal #1**: The FDOH in Pasco County Dietetic Internship will prepare graduates to be competent practitioners in public health and community nutrition.

Objectives for Goal #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%." \*
- At least 80% of employed graduates will rate themselves as "well prepared" or "very well prepared" for their first employment position as public health professionals.
- At least 80% of employers will rate graduate employees as "meets expectations" or "exceeds expectations" when evaluating competency level and overall preparation as public health nutritionists. \*
- At least 65% of employers will rate graduate employees as having "potential" or "high potential" for a leadership role in the profession.

**Goal #2**: The FDOH in Pasco County Dietetic Internship will increase the number of registered, licensed dietitians specializing in public health and community nutrition in the state of Florida. Objectives for Goal 2:

- "At least 80% of interns complete program requirements within 14 months (150% of planned program length)." \*
- "At least 80% of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion." \*
- "Of graduates who seek employment, at least 90% are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation." \*
- At least 50% of interns for each class year will be selected from the pool of state-employee applicants.

Program outcomes data are available upon request.

<sup>\*</sup>ACEND-required objectives