



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 80% of graduates responding to the post-graduation survey respond that they participate in a nutrition or public health related association, organization, or group and/or maintain involvement in the internship through mentorship or precepting.

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)." – full time option *
- "At least 80% of interns complete program requirements within 21 months (150% of planned program length)." – part time option *
- "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.

*ACEND-required objectives

Program outcomes data are available upon request.