

**PROGRAM MISSION AND GOALS**  
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**Mission Statement of the MSU Master of Science Dietetic Internship Program**

**Mission Statement:** The faculty and preceptors of the Michigan State University Master of Science Dietetic Internship (MSDI) Program will strive to prepare entry-level dietitian nutritionists for state-of-the-art practice in diverse and challenging healthcare, foodservice, community, and entrepreneurial settings.

**Goals of the MSU Dietetic Internship Program**

- 1. The program will develop entry level registered dietitian nutritionists who demonstrate competence and professionalism.**

**Outcome Measures:**

- a. 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%.
- b. At least 90% of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.
- c. One hundred percent of MSDI program graduates will have received a minimum of a 3.0 average rating for attainment of core competencies. (5-point scale: 1=unsatisfactory/minimal skills; 5 = excellent/above entry level).
- d. At least 80% of interns complete program requirements within 24 months (150% of planned program length).
- e. The mean of responses to the survey question: "Rate your preparation for the internship for an entry level RD/RDN position" will be at least 3.0 by 90% of responding interns (5-point scale: 1 = unsatisfactory/minimal skills; 5 =excellent/above entry level).
- f. Eighty percent of responding employers will rank program graduates with a mean rating of at least 3.0 (5-point scale where 1=unsatisfactory/minimal skills; 5= excellent/above entry level) on preparation of graduate for an entry level RD/RDN position.

**2. MSU MSDI graduates will seek employment in various areas of dietetics.**

**Outcome Measures:**

- a. Of graduates who seek employment, at least 90% are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.
- b. Eighty percent of WIC graduates will continue to work in Michigan WIC for two years after completion of the internship.

\*\*Program outcome data are available upon request

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