MISSION, GOALS, AND OUTCOME MEASURES OF THE
MSU DIDACTIC PROGRAM IN DIETETICS

Mission
To provide a high-quality curriculum that prepares graduates for eligibility for entrance into an ACEND\(^1\)-accredited Dietetic Internship (DI) or pathway offering supervised practice in dietetics.

Goals and Measurable Outcomes

**Goal 1.** The program will prepare graduates for a career utilizing their knowledge, skills and competencies in dietetics and encourage graduates to pursue the RDN credential through participation in a dietetic internship or pathway offering supervised practice in dietetics.

Outcome measures are:

- **a)** At least 70% of program graduates apply for admission to a supervised practice program prior to or within 12 months of graduation.
- **b)** Of program graduates who apply to a supervised practice program, at least 80% are admitted within 12 months of graduation.
- **c)** 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%.
- **d)** *At least 75% of graduates accepted to a dietetic internship or pathways offering supervised practice are employed in a dietetics-related field or enrolled in a post-graduate related field of study two years after graduation.
- **e)** *Of those graduates who do not apply to or get accepted into a supervised practice program, at least 70% either continue their education or are employed in a nutrition-related field within a year of graduation.
- **f)** **At least 80% of students complete program requirements within 3 years (150% of the program length).

*based on those for whom data is obtained/available

** program length is determined from time of formal admission into major in junior year

**Goal 2. Program graduates will have a strong educational foundation and preparation for supervised practice and/or graduate education.**

Outcome measures are:

- **a)** At least 80% of graduates have a GPA of 3.0 or above.

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b) Graduates participating in a DI with a degree in dietetics from MSU report a high level of preparation for a dietetic internship or pathways offering supervised practice as exhibited by an average rating score of 3.0 or higher on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being highest for each subject area on the Dietetic Intern Survey.

c) Program graduates perform at an above average level in their internships as exhibited by a score of >2 on a scale of 1-3 with 3 being the highest on the internship director survey.

*** based on total number of responses obtained

Outcome data regarding achievement of these goals and objectives is available upon request. Contact DPD Director Lorraine Weatherspoon, PhD, RDN, weathe43@msu.edu.