

Assessment Plan

Western Michigan University

Dietetics

Outcome: DPD-Goal 1 Professional Competency

The program will prepare graduates to become competent entry-level dietitians and professionals.

| Means of Assessment | | | |
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| Assessment Method | Criterion | Schedule | Active |
| overall mean of graduates for that year Assessment Method Category: GPA-Cumulative | overall mean of 3.0 | yearly | Yes |
| rate of placement in post-graduate internships Assessment Method Category: Survey-Student | At least 80% of students applying to post-grad internships will receive a match. | yearly | Yes |
| RD exam results Assessment Method Category: Exam-Registration | 80% first-time pass rate on RD examination | two reports per year from ACT and ADA | Yes |
| evaluation of interns by their supervised practice program directors Assessment Method Category: Field Experience Evaluation | mean ratings of 3 or better (out of 5) on all measures evaluated | yearly | Yes |
| Employer evaluations Assessment Method Category: Survey-Employer | mean ratings of 3 or better (out of 5) on all measures evaluated | every 3 years | Yes |
| Satisfaction of alumni with the quality of their education in the program. Assessment Method Category: Survey-Alumni | 80% of respondents report satisfaction with the program. | yearly, as part of alumni survey | Yes |
| employment and enrollment in graduate programs Assessment Method Category: Portfolio Review | 90% of graduates employed in dietetics or in graduate school within 2 years of graduation | yearly, as part of alumni survey | Yes |

Outcome: DPD-Goal 2 Learning Activities

The program will provide opportunities for students to engage in course embedded and voluntary service learning activities to begin developing professional skills that will prepare them for post-graduate internships and first professional employment.

Track: Undergraduate

| Means of Assessment | | | |
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| Assessment Method | Criterion | Schedule | Active |
| Performance of graduates in courses with extensive service learning component, CTE 3460 and FCS 3680. Assessment Method Category: Capstone | Class mean scores of 80% or higher on "K-12" nutrition education lesson plan presentation in CTE 3460. 90% of students in FCS 3680 receive an overall performance rating of "Satisfactory" or better by dining services managers." | At the conclusion of each semester-long course. | Yes |

| Means of Assessment | | | |
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| Assessment Method | Criterion | Schedule | Active |
| Satisfaction of FCS 3680 students with WMU dining services internship experience. Assessment Method Category: Capstone | 75% of more of students rate the internship as "Very Useful and Educational." | each Spring semester | Yes |
| Satisfaction of graduates with various voluntary activities as preparation for dietetic internships or first professional employment in dietetics. Assessment Method Category: Survey-Student | 85% or more of graduates rate the various voluntary activities as "Adequate." | yearly, as part of alumni survey | Yes |
| Evaluation of professional skills of students participating in Dietetic Community Service Program (DCSP) by their mentors. Assessment Method Category: Field Experience Evaluation | mean aggregate score of 3 or better (out of 5) for all measures evaluated | each Spring semester | Yes |

Outcome: DPD-Goal 3 Program Completion

Through encouragement and support, program faculty and staff will increase the percentage of students who complete their dietetics program of study.

Track: Undergraduate

| Means of Assessment | | | |
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| Assessment Method | Criterion | Schedule | Active |
| Rate of program completion within 3 years of attainment of junior or senior status in the program Assessment Method Category: Verification of Program Completion | 75% of juniors and seniors will complete program requirements and receive verification of program completion within 3 years. | yearly | Yes |

Outcome: DI-Goal 1 Meet CADE Competencies

The program will provide a generalist program that will allow Interns to meet or exceed the competencies defined for entry-level dietitians by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education.

Track: Graduate

| Means of Assessment | | | |
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| Assessment Method | Criterion | Schedule | Active |
| RD Exam results Assessment Method Category: Exam-Registration | 80% first-time pass rate on RD Examination | Two reports/year from ACT and ADA | Yes |
| Evaluation of interns by their preceptors (supervisors) Assessment Method Category: Field Experience Evaluation | ratings of "acceptable in all competencies | on-going | Yes |
| employer evaluations Assessment Method Category: Survey-Employer | ratings of 3 or better (out of 5) on all measures | Yearly, in the fall for current graduates and interns who graduated the previous year. | Yes |
| program completion rate Assessment Method Category: Verification of Program Completion | At least 85% of interns will complete the internship within the standard program length of time. | Yearly, at the end of the internship program year. | Yes |

Outcome: DI-Goal 2 Professional skill development

The Program will enable Interns to acquire and develop clinical and management skills essential in meeting the needs of clients at various age, education, and income levels in a variety of settings.

Track: Graduate

| Means of Assessment | | | |
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| Assessment Method | Criterion | Schedule | Active |
| employment and enrollment in graduate programs Assessment Method Category: Survey-Alumni | 85% employed in dietetics or in graduate school within 6 months of graduation | Yearly, in the fall for interns who graduated the previous year. | Yes |
| satisfaction of graduates and alumni with program Assessment Method Category: Survey-Alumni | at least 75% report satisfaction with program | Yearly, in the fall for current graduates and interns who graduated the previous year. | Yes |

Outcome: DI-Goal 3 Broaden perspective on RD practice

The Program will broaden Intern's perspective on dietetics practice based on enrichment experience.

| Means of Assessment | | | |
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| Assessment Method | Criterion | Schedule | Active |
| Satisfaction of graduates and alumni with value of experience to overall learning. Assessment Method Category: Survey-Alumni | At least 75% report satisfaction with enrichment opportunities. | Yearly, in the fall for current graduates and interns who graduated the previous year. | Yes |

Outcome: DI-Goal 4 Research skills

Successful completion of FCS 6010 Basic Research Methods and Design

Track: Graduate

| Means of Assessment | | | |
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| Assessment Method | Criterion | Schedule | Active |
| Provide opportunity for interns to develop skills and knowledge in research. Assessment Method Category: Course Grade | At least 85% of students will earn grade B or better. | Yearly, spring semester. | Yes |