

**Nutrition and Dietetics
Undergraduate Program
Western Kentucky University
Program Goals and Associated Outcome Measures**

Goal I: The program will prepare students to effectively fulfill duties of entry-level dietetics positions and to manage others who provide dietetic-related services.

The outcome measures for Goal I are:

1. The Pass Rate for graduates taking the registration exam meets ACEND's national benchmarks. National benchmark: Over a 5 year period, the first time pass rate will be 80% or above.
2. If the 5 year first time pass rate is below 80%, the one year pass rate will be 80% or above.
3. Following completion of the program, 65% of program graduates will become employed in dietetics or dietetics related fields within 4 years of graduation.
4. Following completion of the program, 25% of graduates will perform or feel prepared to perform a dietetics management role within four years of graduation.
5. Within three years following graduation the mean graduate rating on the quality of preparation for a professional career related to the field will be at least a 3.5 on a scale from 1.0 to 5.0, with 5.0 being the best level of preparation.
6. Over a three to five year period the mean internship director rating on the overall preparation for a dietetic internship will be at least a 3.5 on a scale from 1.0 to 5.0, with 5.0 being the best level of preparation

Goal II: The program will prepare students to successfully compete for supervised practice experiences that lead to eligibility for Commission on Dietetic Registration Examination

The outcomes measures for Goal II are:

1. Program completion: 90% of students enrolled in the professional courses in the third year of the bachelor-level DPD program are expected to complete program/degree requirements within three years (150% of the time planned for completion), as students in the 3rd year usually complete the program within two years (in 4th or senior year).
2. Supervised Practice Application Rate: Over a 5 year period, 65% of the graduates will apply to supervised practice programs within 12 months of graduation.
3. Supervised Practice Acceptance Rate: over a 5 year period 50% of those applying to supervised practice programs within 12 months of graduation will be accepted.
4. Within 4 years following graduation the mean graduate rating on the quality of preparation for an internship will be at least a 3.5 on a scale from 1.0 to 5.0, with 5.0 being the best level of preparation.

Goal III. The program will improve the quality of student support/information related to major, career options, and related resources.

The outcome measures for Goal III are:

1. The mean student rating on the overall quality of advising will be at least a 3.0 ("good" rating) on a scale from 1.0 to 4.0, with 4.0 being the best rating.
2. At least 2 group meetings will be held each academic year to provide information about career options or to provide an opportunity for social interaction/ mentoring.