**Goals and Objectives of the Program**

**Goal 1:** To prepare competent graduates that have the foundation, knowledge and skill requirements needed to enter and successfully complete a dietetics internship program, and pass the exam to become a Registered Dietitian.

Goal 1 Objectives:

1. Over a five year period, a minimum of 60% of students who complete the ACEND requirements will apply for an ACEND approved internship or ISPP within 12 months of graduation.
2. Over a five year period, a minimum of 50% of those who apply for an ACEND approved internship or ISPP are accepted into such within 12 months of graduation.
3. Over a five year period maintain a minimum 80% first-time passage rate for graduates taking the registration exam, and a minimum 80% one year passage rate over a five year period for those who do not pass the exam on the first attempt.

**Goal 2:** To increase the number of students who pursue the DPD, remain in the Program, and complete it within the recommended time frame.

Goal 2 Objectives:

1. Increase enrollment in the DPD by 25% each year.
2. Students will be satisfied with program services, as indicated by a minimum of 80% of students marking “satisfactory” or higher on questions related to program content and advisement.
3. Eighty percent of students will complete the program requirements within three years of being accepted into the program.

**Goal 3:** To prepare graduates to be competent employees in dietetics and related professions; e.g., food service management, community agencies, health care organizations and business.

Goal 3 Objectives:

1. Over a 5 year period an average of 75% of students will find dietetics-related employment within 12 months of completion of the DPD, internship, or supervised practice program (ISPP).
2. Over a five year period, 80% of employers will rate graduates as competent for the position they are holding.

**Goal 4:** To prepare students to be critical thinkers who are knowledgeable about the research process and outcome evaluation.

Goal 4 Objectives:

1. Over a 5 year period an average of 80% of program faculty will have research/extension/teaching funding from external funding agencies.
2. At least five DPD students will participate in funded research projects each year.
3. At least two DPD students will present a paper at a scientific conference each year.