

## **Tennessee State University Didactic Program in Dietetic (DPD)**

### **Goals and Objectives of the Program**

**Goal 1:** The program will prepare graduates for acceptance and successful completion of a supervised dietetics program and to successfully pass the registration exam.

#### Goal 1 Objectives:

- a. At least 80% of program graduates complete program/degree requirements within three years (150% of program length).
- b. 60% of program graduates apply for admission to a supervised practice program prior to or within 12 months of graduation.
- c. 50% of program graduates are admitted to a supervised practice program within 12 months of graduation.
- d. 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%.
- e. 75% of graduates will rate their preparation for supervised practice, graduate school, and/or dietetics-related employment as satisfactory or higher.

**Goal 2:** Graduates will have the foundation, knowledge, and skills needed to be competent in a supervised practice, graduate program, and/or dietetics-related employment.

#### Goal 2 Objectives:

- a. 65% of students will find dietetics-related employment within 12 months of completion of the DPD, supervised practice, or graduate school.
- b. 80% of employers will rate graduates as competent for the position they are holding.
- c. 70% of supervised program directors will rate program graduates academic preparation for supervised practice as satisfactory or higher.

**Goal 3:** Graduates will be prepared to be critical thinkers who are knowledgeable about the research process and outcome evaluation.

#### Goal 3 Objectives:

- a. 80% of program faculty will have research funding from external funding agencies.
- b. At least 3 DPD students will participate in funded research projects each year