Purdue University
Coordinated Program in Dietetics

Goals and Objectives

**Program Goal 1:** To prepare graduates to practice effectively as entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists in nutrition and dietetics or related fields.

**Program Objectives for Goal 1:**
1. Over a five-year period, after acceptance into the CPD 80% of the program interns will complete the program requirements within 32 months (150% of the program length).

2. 90% of program graduates are expected to take the CDR credentialing exam for registered dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.

3. At least 80% of graduates over a five-year period will pass the CDR credentialing exam for registered dietitian nutritionists within one year following the first attempt.

4. Over a five-year period, 80% of program graduates will be employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.

5. At least 50% of employers who respond to a survey on program graduates in their first year of employment will rate them as above average in professional knowledge, skills and problem solving as compared with other entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists.

**Program Goal 2:** To prepare graduates for life-long learning and/or advancement in dietetics through professional activities and self-development.

**Program Objectives for Goal 2:**
1. At the one-year post graduation survey, 90% of the graduates who respond to the survey will indicate active membership in at least one nutrition and dietetics-related state or national professional organization (e.g. Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, American Diabetes Association).

2. At the one-year post graduation survey, 80% of the graduates who respond to the survey will have started their professional development portfolio (Goal Wizard).