Program Mission

The mission of the didactic program in dietetics is to prepare students for successful careers in dietetics and encourage students to assume leadership roles in their profession and in society via completion of a baccalaureate degree. Students will have the knowledge and skills needed to be successful in a dietetic internship and/or graduate school and enter professional positions in foods and nutrition. Graduates will use research to guide them in decisions, be able to communicate effectively, use resources wisely and understand that they must engage in lifelong learning to be successful in the dietetics profession.

Program Goal 1: The program will prepare graduates to be competent entry level dietitians or professionals in fields related to foods and nutrition.

Program Objectives for Goal 1:

a) Over a five year period, the pass rate for DPD graduates taking the registration examination for the first time will be at least 90%.

b) At least 80% of alumni will indicate that they felt well prepared for their first job and will rate their education at the University of Georgia as excellent or good.

c) At least 50% of alumni will rate their preparation for selected knowledge and skills requirements (learning outcomes) as good or excellent, and 100% will rate their preparation for these requirements as at least satisfactory.

d) At least 90% of dietetic internship directors will rate University of Georgia alumni as generally comparable to other students, above average or exceptional in selected knowledge and skills areas.

Program Goal 2: Program faculty and staff will provide guidance and support that will motivate a diverse group of students to complete the dietetics program and seek post-baccalaureate study needed to meet professional career goals.

Program Objectives for Goal 2

a) At least 90% of students who complete entrance requirements and enter the dietetics major in the third year of a bachelor-level DPD are expected to complete program/degree requirements within 150% of the time planned for completion. This is interpreted to be a three year period after the student has met entrance requirements for the major.

b) Over a five-year period, 60% of DPD graduates will apply to supervised practice programs the academic year they complete the program.

c) Over a five-year period, 70% of those applying to supervised practice programs the academic year they complete the program will be accepted.

d) Over a five-year period, of students who do not enter a dietetic internship program, 60% will communicate within a year of graduation that they have obtained a job in dietetics and/or are pursuing additional education.

e) The diversity of the dietetic student population will be equal to or greater than the diversity of the University of Georgia student population.

Program Goal 3: Graduates will provide leadership to their communities through service activities related to foods, nutrition and health.
Program Objective for Goal 3

a) At least 50% of the alumni of the dietetics program will be involved in volunteer or leadership activities in their local and professional communities as evidenced by their responses on the alumni survey sent 1 to 2 years following graduation.

Program outcomes data are available on request.