

## **UNLV Dietetic Internship Mission & Goals**

### **Mission**

To prepare and graduate entry-level Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs) who have the skills and knowledge to be comfortable and competent in their first employment opportunity, serving as professionals capable of providing excellent nutrition and dietetics services to the community. The UNLV DI will provide dietetic interns with a variety of practical experiences that 1) challenge their application of didactic knowledge, 2) are broad in scope and provide the entry level knowledge and skills outlined in the competencies/student learning outcomes determined by ACEND, 3) take place in facilities that are common to our profession (i.e., hospitals, community settings), 4) encourage participation in educational and professional activities, and 5) introduce DI students to a culturally diverse population in a fast-growing city. Evidence-based practice will be emphasized throughout the dietetic internship.

### **Internship Goal 1**

Prepare internship graduates to become competent entry-level practitioners in dietetics.

#### **Internship Objectives for Goal 1**

1. At least 80% of interns complete internship requirements within 45 months (150% of planned internship length of 30 months).
2. Of graduates who seek employment, at least 70% percent are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.
3. At least 70% percent of internship graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of internship completion.
4. The internship'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%.
5. At least 75% of employers will give internship graduates in their employ a mean rating of three (3) or "satisfactory" for graduate's preparation for entry-level practice. (Rating scale: 5=consistently exceeds expectations; 4=consistently meets, sometimes exceeds expectations; 3=consistently meets expectations; 2=fails to consistently meet expectations; 1=does not meet expectations).
6. At least 75% of employed graduates will rate themselves as being prepared for their first job. (Rating scale: "well-prepared", "prepared", "somewhat prepared", and "not well-prepared").
7. At least 75% of internship graduates will report being comfortable working with a culturally diverse population (to serve the needs of the Las Vegas Community). (Rate scale: "very comfortable", "comfortable", "somewhat comfortable", and "uncomfortable").

## **Internship Goal 2**

Prepare internship graduates to participate in continuous learning/ professional development activities.

### **Internship Objectives for Goal 2**

1. At least 80% of internship graduates will create their draft CDR learning portfolio for later submission to CDR.
2. At least 80% of internship graduates will indicate that they participated in continuing education and professional development activities

Internship Outcomes Data are available upon request. Please contact [dietetic.internship@unlv.edu](mailto:dietetic.internship@unlv.edu).