

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 provides interns with a variety of practical experiences that challenge application of dietetics knowledge, are broad in scope aligned with ACEND competencies, occur in common professional settings (e.g., hospitals and community agencies), encourage participation in professional activities, introduce interns to a culturally diverse population in a rapidly growing city, and emphasize evidence-based practice throughout the 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 the program requirements within 45 months (150% of planned internship length).
2. Of graduates who seek employment, at least 70% are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of program completion.
3. At least 70% of internship graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program 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 rate internship graduates with 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 meet expectations; 1=does not meet expectations).
6. At least 75% of employed graduates will rate themselves as being prepared for their first professional position.
7. At least 75% of internship graduates will report being comfortable working with different types of population.

Program Goal 2

Prepare internship graduates to engage in continuous learning and professional development.

Internship Objectives for Goal 2

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

Internship Outcomes Data are available upon request. Please contact dietetic.internship@unlv.edu.