DPND MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the UNLV DPND is to prepare students for supervised practice leading to eligibility for the CDR credentialing exam to become a registered dietitian nutritionist. In addition, the mission is to provide program graduates with the skills and knowledge to be comfortable and competent in their dietetic internship and serve as professionals capable of providing excellent entry-level dietetic services in numerous clinical, food service, management, and community-based settings. The program will provide an evidence-based curriculum that is clinical and communication focused, provides for a variety of practicum experiences, and promotes life-long learning, problem solving, and the effectiveness of teamwork.

PROGRAM GOAL #1
The program will prepare graduates for a dietetics career where they are able to use sound scientific knowledge and make evidence-based decisions in practice.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES FOR GOAL 1
- 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%.
- At least 80% of DPND graduates will rate that they were at least satisfied with the overall knowledge gained during the DPND (Rating Scale: “highly satisfied”, “satisfied”, or “dissatisfied”).
- At least 80% of DPND graduates will be employed (or have attempted employment) in a nutrition or dietetics-related field, enrolled in a dietetic internship program, or enrolled in graduate/professional school following graduation from our DPND program.
- At least 80% of graduates will rate themselves as being prepared for their dietetic internship or their first dietetics or nutrition-related job (Rating scale: Well-prepared, not well prepared).
- 50% percent of program graduates are admitted to a supervised practice program within 12 months of graduation.
- At least 80% of the time employer/preceptor rankings of graduates’ entry level knowledge will be “satisfactory” or above.
- At least 80% of graduates will report community involvement or professional leadership responsibilities within 5 years of graduation.
- At least 80% of program students complete program/degree requirements within 6 years (150% of the program length).
- 60% percent of program graduates apply for admission to a supervised practice program prior to or within 12 months of graduation.

PROGRAM GOAL #2
Graduates will demonstrate ability to operate as an effective team member within a diverse population.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES FOR GOAL 2
- At least 25% of the graduates will be from a minority ethnic or non-traditional age group (based on UNLV’s student database).
- At least 80% of graduates will rate themselves as being at least prepared to work with a culturally/ethnically diverse population.
- At least 80% of graduates will earn a mean rating of “satisfactory or higher” from the supervised practice program director in regards to preparation for supervised practice.

Program Outcomes Data are available upon request. Please contact samantha.coogan@unlv.edu.