

Delta State University Coordinated Program of Dietetics

Mission:

The mission of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics in the Division of Family and Consumer Sciences at Delta State University is to **prepare graduates** for successful careers in dietetics and to encourage students to assume leadership in their profession and society. Graduates integrate the basic concepts of food and nutrition to **improve the quality of life for individuals and families in the Mississippi Delta**, society and the world. Graduates accomplish this mission by promoting health, aiding in the prevention of disease, and providing management for food and nutrition services.

Program Goal 1:

The program will **prepare graduates** to be competent for entry level employment as a dietitian or other post-graduate programs.

Objectives for Goal 1:

- 1.1 Based on the RD examination reports, at least 80% of graduates will pass on their first attempt as measured over a five year period.
- 1.2 Based on documentation of completion of core competencies, at least 100% of graduates will successfully complete the program within 150% of the time planned for completion.
- 1.3 Within 12 months of completing the program, at least 80% of graduates will be accepted into post-graduate program or nutrition-related employment.

Program Goal 2:

The program provides academic and supervised practice experience to **prepare graduates** to assume leadership roles in professional organizations enhancing the practice of dietetics.

Objective for Goal 2:

- 2.1 At least 50% of all alumni will be members of A.N.D. when surveyed five years after graduation.

Program Goal 3:

The program provides credentialed food and nutrition professionals to **serve the counties of Northwest Mississippi.**

Objective for Goal 3:

- 3.1 At least 50% of graduates seeking employment will remain in Northwest Mississippi.