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.