**Mission Statement**

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.

The goals and expected outcomes of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics are:

1. The program will prepare graduates to be competent for entry level employment as a dietitian.

 *Objectives*/*Expected Outcomes:*

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 Over a five-year period, at least 80% of graduates will successfully complete the program within 150% of the time planned for completion, or 3.75 years.

1.3 Within 12 months of completing the program, at least 80% of graduates will be employed in dietetics or a related field.

2. The program provides academic and supervised practice experience to prepare graduates to become actively involved in dietetics-related organizations.

 *Objectives*/*Expected Outcomes:*

 2.1 When surveyed 5 years after graduation, at least 50% of alumni will demonstrate active involvement in at least one dietetics-related organization through active membership, service as an officer, committee chair, committee member, or volunteer.

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

*Objectives/Expected Outcomes:*

3.1. At least 50% of graduates seeking employment will work as credentialed food and nutrition professionals in Northwest Mississippi.