

Coordinated Program in Dietetics Mission Statement

The Food and Nutrition program at Framingham State University will develop a course of study that enables graduates to actively participate in the changing food environment, in the nutrition education process, and in health care delivery systems according to the highest standards of client service and professional ethics.

The Coordinated Program in Dietetics Concentration integrates an academic and supervised practice curriculum to prepare students to be entry-level dietitian nutritionists. The Program meets the academic and experiential requirements which qualify students to take the Registration Examination for Dietitians upon graduation and to be a Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist in Massachusetts.

Coordinated Program in Dietetics Program Goals and Objectives

1. The Coordinated Program in Dietetics will prepare graduates to become nutrition professionals.
 - a. At least 80% percent of program students complete program/degree requirements within 3 years (150% of the program length).
 - b. Of graduates who seek employment, 75% are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related field within 12 months of graduation.
 - c. 80% of (respondents) employers will respond 3 or higher on a five-point scale on the Employer Survey when asked to rate graduates' preparation for an entry-level dietitian nutritionist position.
 - d. Graduates will respond 3 or higher on a five-point scale when asked to assess their academic background in subject areas, some of which comprise the ACEND required core knowledge or competencies, when surveyed 1 – 2 years after program completion.
2. The Coordinated Program in Dietetics will prepare Coordinated Program in Dietetics students to pass the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists.
 - a. 100% percent of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.
 - b. The program 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%.
3. The Coordinated Program in Dietetics will prepare graduates to become dedicated learners throughout life and career.
 - a. 80% (of respondents) of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics will have completed the continuing professional educational requirements of the Commission on Dietetic Registration and remained Registered Dietitians when surveyed five years after program completion.
4. The Coordinated Program in Dietetics will foster a variety of careers in food and nutrition.
 - a. Graduate responses related to job titles on the Food and Nutrition concentrations' (CP) graduate surveys will indicate that graduates are employed in at least three areas of nutrition and dietetics when surveyed 1 – 2 years after program completion.
5. The Coordinated Program in Dietetics will enable students to develop technology proficiency.
 - a. Students will respond 3 or higher on a five-point scale on course evaluations when asked if specific courses meet KRDN 1.2: Use current information technologies to locate and apply evidence-based guidelines and protocols.
 - b. Employers will respond 3 or higher on a five-point scale on the Employer Questionnaire when asked to rate graduates' computer skills.

*Program outcomes data are available upon request.