



Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Dietetic Program in Dietetics (DPD)

Mission

The mission of the Samford University DPD is to provide a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum that equips students with the core knowledge and experiential activities needed to develop critical thinking skills, professionalism, technical expertise, and skills needed for entrance into a graduate and/or a supervised practice program leading to eligibility for the CDR credentialing exam as a Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist. This program enables students to pursue knowledge in a distinctive Christian environment where faculty of the department are committed to the preparation of competent entry-level practitioners and dedicated servant leaders in the profession of dietetics who will contribute to the needs of their local, regional, and global communities.

Program Goals & Objectives

Program Goal 1

To prepare DPD graduates with the core knowledge, critical thinking skills, and technical expertise and skills needed for acceptance into an ACEND accredited supervised practice program and/or graduate school.

Objective 1: At least 80% of program students complete program/degree requirements within six years (150% of the program length).

Objective 2: At least 80% of program graduates apply for admission to a supervised practice program within 12 months of graduation.

Objective 3: 80% of program graduates who apply are admitted to a supervised practice program within 12 months of graduation.

Objective 4: Program achieves at least an 80% one-year pass rate on the CDR credentialing exam.

Objective 5: At least 70% of supervised practice directors rate graduates as “prepared” or better on core knowledge and skills.

Objective 6: 80% of graduates rate the curriculum as providing the knowledge and skills needed for supervised practice or graduate study.

Program Goal 2

To prepare program graduates to work effectively as team members in an interprofessional environment within the health care field and demonstrate characteristics of servant leadership in community and/or global environments through participation in professional/community organizations.

Objective 1: 80% of graduates report participating in a professional or community organization

Program outcomes data are available upon request.