

MSU MSDI PROGRAM MISSION AND GOALS

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Mission Statement: The Michigan State University Master of Science Dietetic Internship (MSDI) Program will prepare competent entry-level Registered Dietitian Nutritionists for practice in diverse healthcare, foodservice, and community settings.

Goals of the MSU Dietetic Internship Program

1. MSU MSDI graduates will demonstrate compliance, professionalism, and a commitment to the profession.

Outcome Measures:

- a. The program's 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%.
- b. At least 90% of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.
- c. At least 70% of graduates will indicate interest in precepting by the end of their supervised practice experience.
- d. At least 80% of interns complete program requirements within 24 months (150% of planned program length).
- e. At least 90% of responding graduates will rank their preparation by the internship for an entry-level RD/RDN position at a mean of 2.0 on a 3-point scale. (1=unsatisfactory/below entry level; 2=satisfactory/entry level, 3=excellent/above entry level)
- f. At least 80% of responding employers will rank program graduates with a mean rating of at least 2.0 on a 3-point scale regarding preparation of graduate for an entry level RD/RDN position. (1=unsatisfactory/below entry level; 2=satisfactory/entry level; 3=excellent/above entry level)

2. MSU MSDI graduates will seek employment in various areas of dietetics and nutrition.

Outcome Measures:

- a. Of graduates who seek employment, at least 90% are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.
- b. In a post graduate survey, 80% of responding graduates will indicate interest in RD/RDN roles in various areas of practice.