

<p>(H) Student Learning Outcomes*</p> <p><i>Please be sure to list all Student Learning Outcomes that relate to the proposed Track</i></p>	<p>There are 41 student learning outcomes based upon accrediting requirements. Outcomes data are collected annually. The student learning outcomes for the Dietetic Internship Certificate Program are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of core nutrition knowledge, including macronutrients, micronutrients, and research methods. 2. Think critically and use evidence-based approaches to solve problems in clinical nutrition, community nutrition, nutrition education and intervention, and foodservice. 3. Design, implement, interpret, and communicate research in food and nutrition. 4. Demonstrate attributes of professional development for the field of food and nutrition. <p>An additional learning outcome, unique to the dietetic internship track is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate proficiency in all competencies required by the accrediting agency (ACEND).
<p>Rationale for Proposal</p>	
<p>(I) Why is this track being proposed?*</p>	<p>The dietetic internship track provides an additional opportunity for graduate students that apply for and are accepted into it. In April 2016 there were 5200 applicants for the 2992 supervised practice positions available in the United States. (ACEND Update, May 2016, http://www.eatrightpro.org/~media/eatrightpro%20files/acend/acend_update_may_2016.ashx). Being able to provide the supervised practice experience enhances the enrollment for the Master of Science in Food and Nutrition and provides supervised practice opportunities for some undergraduate alumni from the Department of Food and Nutrition. According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook, their is a 16% growth potential for the career of a Dietitian /Nutritionist, "much faster than average", between 2014 and 2024 (https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dietitians-and-nutritionists.htm).</p> <p>While the dietetic internship has been in existence for a number of years, a formalized track was not created. Formalizing the dietetic internship as a separate track within the Master of Science in Food and Nutrition will increase the visibility of the internship.</p>
<p>(J) What role, if any, does it serve the College /University above and beyond the role it serves in the department?*</p>	<p>Dietetic interns represent the university to the Indiana community when they provide nutrition education at health fairs, in the local schools, at the YMCA, at Indiana County Head Start, and at the Indiana Regional Medical Center S & T Wellness Center. University students benefit from the dietetic interns because they assist by: enriching coursework, providing nutrition counseling services to faculty, staff, and students, and planning and participating in outreach programs (e.g. Day of the Dead, Indiana's Cookin', on-campus health fairs). Dietetic interns strengthen the university's relationship with regional healthcare institutions because they provide patient care, under the supervision of the site coordinator. Additionally, interns update patient education resources, perform quality improvement studies, and complete projects that staff do not have time to implement and complete.</p>

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