

DPD Program Mission Statement

The Nutrition and Dietetics Didactic Program (DPD) at Tennessee Tech University seeks to provide a high quality curriculum that prepares students for supervised practice leading to eligibility for the CDR credentialing exam to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.

DPD Program goals

1. Prepare graduates to be qualified and competent to pursue careers in food, nutrition and dietetics using a curriculum that conforms to the ACEND 2017 Accreditation Standards for Nutrition and Dietetics Didactic Programs; and the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Body of Knowledge (2010 version).
2. Prepare graduates to improve quality and quantity of food and nutrition for individuals, families and communities through successful completion of the Registration Examination for Dietitian Nutritionists.

DPD Objectives

Program Goal 1 Objectives

- a. Over a three year period, at least 80% of DPD students will complete program/degree requirements within 3 years (150%) of the program length.
- b. Over a three-year period, 75% of DPD graduates will apply for admission to a supervised practice program prior to or within 12 months of graduation.
- c. Over a three-year period, 75% of DPD graduates are admitted to a supervised practice program within 12 months of graduation.
- d. Over a three-year period, in surveys from internship directors, 80% of respondents will indicate above average (or higher) satisfaction with respect to TTU graduates' preparation for supervised practice.
- e. Annually, TTU DPD students will participate in at least one professional development activity during their senior year.

Program Goal 2 Objectives

- a. Over a three-year period, in surveys from field experience preceptors- 80% of respondents will indicate above average (or higher) satisfaction with respect to TTU senior dietetic students preparation in understanding and demonstrating ways to improve quality and quantity of food and nutrition for individuals, families and communities.
- b. The TTU DPD 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%

