

## ACEND Accredited Coordinated Program Mission, Goals, Objectives and Concentration Area

Mission: is to produce entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists capable of providing excellent service to a variety of constituencies in a highly technical, constantly changing world with an emphasis upon nutrition, healthspan, and longevity.

Goal # 1: To prepare graduates to be competent, entry-level registered dietitian nutritionists.

Objectives for Goal #1:

- 80% of graduates will complete the coordinated program within 150% of the allotted timeframe (three years for full-time students and 4.5 years for part-time students).
- 80% of graduates will pass the CDR credentialing exam for dietitians within one year following first attempt.
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- 75% of graduates who respond to an alumni survey will report they were employed in a dietetics-related position within 12 months following program completion.
- 80% of employed graduates will rate themselves at least satisfied with the education and supervised practice they received from the USC MS NHL Program on a survey sent one year after graduation.
- 80% of employers will rate graduates with “Above-Satisfactory” competency level when delivering food and/or nutrition services.

Goal # 2: To prepare graduates who demonstrate lifelong learning, a commitment to the profession and use of research evidence to inform food and nutrition services for individuals across the lifespan.

Objectives for Goal #2:

- 60% of graduates on an alumni survey will rate their use of research evidence in providing nutrition services across the lifespan as “Frequent Use.”
- 70% of employers responding to a survey of program graduates, will rate graduates “Above Satisfactory” in their use of research evidence to inform their food and nutrition services for individuals across the lifespan.
- 40% of graduates on an alumni survey will indicate they are preceptors, committed to giving back to the profession.
- 50% of graduates on an alumni survey will indicate they have maintained their RDN credential 5- year post-graduation, demonstrating lifelong learning.

Program Concentration Area – Nutrition, Healthspan & Longevity (NHL) Competencies. Upon completion of the program, graduates are able to:

NHL 5.1. Translate research evidence on biology of aging and mechanisms for the extension of health and treatment of disease.

NHL 5.2. Incorporate knowledge of nutrient gene interactions, molecular and biochemical parameters and medication use, into the nutrition care plan (MNT) for individuals with complex medical conditions.