Annual Academic Assessment Report Cover Sheet

Assessment reports are due the 1st Wednesday after the Fall Term
Email to: assessment@unlv.edu

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Please attach a narrative (not to exceed 4 pages, excluding appendices) addressing the following:

- What are the student learning outcomes? Please provide a numbered list.
- Which learning outcomes were assessed?
- How were they assessed? (Programs must use at least one direct assessment of student learning.)
- Undergraduate programs should assess at least one University Undergraduate Learning Outcome (UULO) each year, which may or may not overlap with a program learning outcome.
- Graduate programs should assess at least one outcome related to one of the following graduate level requirements each year:
  - student engagement in research, scholarship, creative expression and/or appropriate high-level professional practice.
  - activities requiring originality, critical analysis and expertise.
  - the development of extensive knowledge in the field under study.
- What was learned from the assessment results?
- How did the program respond to what was learned?

Please limit the narrative portion of your report to no more than four pages. You may attach appendices with data, tables, charts, or other materials as needed. Please explain the relevant conclusions from any appendices in your narrative. Please contact the Office of Academic Assessment if you have questions or need assistance.
Master of Science - Nutrition Sciences

The mission of the UNLV MS in Nutrition Sciences is to provide program graduates with the skills and knowledge to be comfortable and competent nutrition and dietetics professionals capable of providing excellent nutrition and dietetic services in numerous community, food service, management, and clinical settings. The program will provide an evidence-based curriculum with a translation to clinical/professional practice. More information can be found in the Degrees Directory: https://www.unlv.edu/degree/ms-nutrition-sciences

*NOTES: Program Effective 03.03.2017. Two students currently enrolled. Not enough data has been collected to create a full assessment report of this new program. See 2018 plan submission (Dec. 2018; in progress) for more details. Assessment plan is currently being reevaluated to better align with new accreditation standards for nutrition and dietetics. Standards for the MS degree are not yet established.

Learning Objectives

Program Goals

1. The program will prepare graduates for a nutrition and dietetics career utilizing the knowledge and skills gained during the program.

2. The program will recruit and retain a diverse population of students.

Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment

General Principles to Achieve Student Learning Outcomes:

- Learning activities will prepare students for professional practice with patients/clients with various conditions and in various settings.

- Learning activities will prepare students to implement the Nutrition Care Process with various populations and diverse cultures.

- Learning activities will use a variety of educational approaches (such as professional shadowing, role-playing, simulations, hands-on practice, problem-based learning, classroom and web-based instruction, laboratory experiences).

- Learning activities will provide opportunities for students to learn professional and ethical behaviors and expectations including ways to contribute to the nutrition and dietetics profession such as serving as future preceptors and mentors.
Area 1. Scientific and Evidence Base of Practice: Integration of scientific information and research into practice. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate how to locate, interpret, evaluate, and use professional scientific literature to make ethical, evidence-based practice decisions.
- Use current information technologies to locate and apply evidence-based guidelines and protocols.
- Analyze data for assessment and evaluate data to be used in decision-making.
- Apply critical thinking skills.
- Demonstrate understanding of human physiology.
- Demonstrate understanding of nutrient metabolism.
- Demonstrate an understanding of research methods.
- Demonstrate an understanding of research statistics.

Area 2. Professional Practice Expectations: Beliefs, values, attitudes and behaviors for the professional RDN level of practice. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate effective and professional oral and written communication and documentation.
- Describe the governance of nutrition and dietetics practice, such as the Scope of Nutrition and Dietetics Practice and the Code of Ethics for the Profession of Nutrition and Dietetics; and inter-professional relationships in various practice settings.
- Identify and describe the roles of others with whom the registered dietitian nutritionist collaborates in the delivery of food and nutrition services.
- Demonstrate an understanding of cultural competence.
- Demonstrate identification with the nutrition and dietetics profession through activities such as participation in professional organizations and advocating for issues impacting the nutrition and dietetics profession.
- Describe the role of a professional in mentoring and precepting others.
Area 3. Clinical and Customer Services: Development and delivery of information, products and services to individuals, groups and populations. Upon completion of the program, graduates are able to:

- Use the Nutrition Care Process in decision making and patient/client care.
- Develop nutrition interventions in diverse individuals and groups.
- Develop an educational session or program/educational strategy for a target population.
- Demonstrate counseling and education methods to facilitate behavior change for diverse individuals and groups.
Office of the Executive Vice President & Provost

MEMORANDUM

March 6, 2017

To: UNLV Campus Community

From: Rainier Spencer
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Subject: New Degree: Master of Science in Nutrition Sciences

The Master of Science in Nutrition Sciences was approved by the NSHE Board of Regents at the March 2017 meeting.

Beginning in 2017, students wishing to pursue the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) credential must complete a master's degree. The M.S. in Nutrition Sciences will provide a logical choice for Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Sciences students to meet this new accreditation requirement to sit for the Registration Examination for Dietitians and become a Licensed Dietitian (LD) in Nevada, which is required for practice.

Effective: March 3, 2017

This is the final approval.

Please note for lists, databases, and generation of appropriate codes, etc.

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