

Solmaz Institute / Lenoir-Rhyne University
Dietetic Internship Program Mission, Goals & Objectives

Mission: The mission of the Solmaz Institute Dietetic Internship is to prepare competent entry-level Registered Dietitian/Nutritionists for service to the world through a collaborative and community-based learning environment with attention given to the prevention and treatment of childhood obesity.

Goal One: Graduates will be prepared for entry-level positions in dietetics.

- a. At least 80% of program interns complete program requirements within 13.5 months (150% of program length).
- b. $\geq 90\%$ of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.
- c. 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%.
- d. Of graduates who seek employment, $> 75\%$ are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.
- e. Over a three-year period, $\geq 75\%$ of responding employers of program graduates will agree that graduates exhibit skills related to those of competent entry-level dietitians.

Goal Two: Graduates will be prepared for positions involving childhood obesity prevention and/or treatment.

- a. Over a five-year period, $\geq 75\%$ of graduates will report feeling adequately prepared to competently perform as a Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist in an entry-level position and/or a community service/leadership role which addresses childhood obesity prevention and treatment.
- b. Over a five-year period, 50% of responding graduates who seek employment or a community service/leadership role in a dietetics-related position which addresses childhood obesity prevention and/or treatment will obtain such employment within 12 months of graduation.

Note: Program outcomes data are available upon request.