

Administrative and Educational Support Report*

Coordinated Program in Dietetics

Annual Action Plan Annual Assessment Report

June 2005 – May 2006

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Annual Action Plan: June 1, 2005–May 31, 2006

Unit: Dietetics Program

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Division: Academic Affairs **Unit Head:** Dr. Esperanza Briones

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Unit Goal: Provide a quality Dietetics Program that promotes excellence in learning, critical thinking skills and interdisciplinary perspectives.

Link to UTPA Goal(s): 1. Ensure undergraduate student access and success

Unit Objective (Action Priority: #1 is highest)	Link to UTPA Objective	Expected Outcome for Unit Objective (AA-Measurable Objective)	Strategy(ies) to Achieve Expected Outcomes	Assessment Criteria, Evaluation Methods for Expected Outcome	New Resources Needed in FY06
Student learning outcomes (SLO) assessment. (1)	2	Conduct student learning outcomes assessment as scheduled in the dietetics program learning outcomes assessment plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess learning outcomes for the dietetics program. Faculty will review results and identify any needed changes. 	The Coordinator will compile and analyze results of the student learning outcomes assessment. Documentation of the results will be submitted to the Dean’s office by	None

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Student success. (2)	2	Eighty percent (80%) of graduated students will pass the RD national exam on the first try.	Give exit exams at the completion of the junior year to determine the weak areas of students.	May 31, 2006. The Coordinator will collect information on the pass rate for graduates and compare it to the benchmark of 80%.	Enhancement funding to provide review sessions for graduating students.
Student recruitment. (3)	1	The Dietetics Program will meet its enrollment target for AY06.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish an enrollment target for the dietetics program. • Attend recruitment activities as part of the COHSHS recruitment committee. • Send promotional material to current biology majors. 	The Program Coordinator will evaluate the enrollment in the incoming junior class and compare it to the target enrollment established for dietetics program.	None



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Student success. (2)	2	Eighty percent (80%) of graduated students will pass the RD national exam on the first try.	The Coordinator will collect information on the pass rate for graduates and compare it to the benchmark of 80%.	2005 graduates – 67% pass rate on the first attempt for those graduates who took the national registration exam. None have taken the exam as of May 2006. Expected outcome not achieved.	Enhancement funding was provided to 13 out of 17 graduating seniors from May 2006 to access an online review and practice exam to prepare for the national registration exam. The remaining 4 graduates opted to go to a review session.
Student recruitment. (3)	1	The Dietetics Program will meet its enrollment target for AY06.	The Program Coordinator will evaluate the enrollment in the incoming junior class and compare it to the target enrollment established for dietetics program.	The target enrollment for the Dietetics Program is seventeen incoming juniors and seventeen juniors began the program in Fall, 2005. (out of 31 applications) Expected outcome achieved.	No change was needed at this time.