

# **Administrative and Educational Support Report\***

## **Coordinated Program in Dietetics**

### **Annual Action Plan Annual Assessment Report**

**June 2006 – May 2007**

**\*Student Learning Outcomes for this department are available at  
<http://ie.panam.edu/CoHSHSLearningOutcomes.htm>**



**Annual Action Plan: June 1, 2006–May 31, 2007**

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**College Objective:** Provide graduate and undergraduate programs that are academically rigorous, promote independent learning and prepare graduates to contribute successfully to their chosen profession.

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Provide a program that prepares students to function as entry level dietitians. (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review curriculum and compare course content to RD exam.</li> <li>• Administer RD practice exams at the end of the</li> </ul>	Eighty percent (80%) of the graduates will pass the RD national certification exam on the first try.	The Coordinator will collect information on the pass rates for graduates and compare it to the benchmark of 80% success for first time test takers.	None

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Foster a culture of dietetics research partnerships in the department. (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact dietetics/nutrition departments at other institutions for possible collaboration.</li> <li>Contact other professional programs at the University who are interested in nutrition research.</li> </ul>	Develop at least one collaborative research project with by May 31, 2007	Program Coordinator will monitor all research activities and will collect data on all collaborative research projects. At least one collaborative research project with will be initiated by May 31, 2007.	Additional travel money was requested for dietetics

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**Affairs Objective:**

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Increase the applicant pool for the dietetics program. (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actively participate in recruitment events.</li> <li>• Involve current students in recruitment activities.</li> <li>• Send recruitment materials to biology and chemistry majors.</li> <li>• Faculty will participate in recruitment activities in learning framework courses.</li> </ul>	Increase by 50% the applicant pool for the fall, 2007-2008 entering class of the dietetics program.	The Program Coordinator will compare the number of May, 2007 applicants to the number of applicants in May, 2006. The Coordinator will report the percentage increase to the Dean's office by May 31, 2007. The applicant pool for fall 2007 class will show a 50% increase over the available applicant pool for the previous year.	Increase in operating budget to cover mailing expenses.



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