

Systematic Program Review

Name of Unit: Coordinated Program in Dietetics
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Item 1

Is your program (undergraduate, master's or doctoral program, academic support unit, service unit, center, administrative/staff department/unit) currently reviewed on a regular basis (e.g., annually, biennially, every 5 years)? Examples of systematic review include, but are not limited to: academic program review, internal audits, external accreditation, external review by a consultant, peer review, etc.

Yes No

If "YES", go to Item 2. If "NO", check that box and return form to OIRE.

Item 2

Type an "X" next to the type(s) of program review that applies to your unit, the date of your last review and the date of the next expected review:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> academic program review	Feb 2001	Date of last review	Date of next review
<input type="checkbox"/> internal audit			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> external accrediting agency	Oct 1998	Date of last review	2008 Date of next review
<input type="checkbox"/> external consultant			
<input type="checkbox"/> peer review		Date of last review	Date of next review
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		Date of last review	Date of next review

Item 3

Describe how your unit has used/is using the findings/recommendations from its last review to improve the effectiveness of the unit. Include references to goals or objectives listed in recent planning documents, and examples of the use of assessment to improve your programs/services.

Recommendations from our academic program review from February 2001 have been integrated into our strategic plan. Also included are changes made in processes as a result of the review.

Recommendation: Coordinated Program in Dietetics (CPD) to develop a mission statement consistent with the mission of the University and the College of Health Sciences and Human Services, develop and implement a process for systematic review of its mission statement, and publish its mission statement and goals in the *Undergraduate Catalog*.

- Mission statement has been developed and is systematically reviewed. It will be published in the next *Undergraduate Catalog*.

Recommendation: CPD to work with the Office of Admissions and Records to determine an appropriate classification system for dietetic majors seeking certification to ensure the accuracy of statistical data for the program.

- This has been accomplished. All dietetic majors are appropriately identified and advised.

Recommendation: CPD to review its student orientation and advisement process periodically and document how the results of the evaluations are used to improve the process.

- A committee has been formed to do these evaluations

Recommendation: CPD to perform a needs assessment to ascertain whether or not to develop a

master's program.

- Needs assessment was done and decided to develop a master of health sciences program (rather than dietetics only). The master's proposal is being prepared.

Recommendation: CPD to systematically document the improvements in teaching effectiveness that have resulted from the evaluations of instructions

- FY05/FY06 Action Plans/UTPA 2012 Goal: Provide students with a quality educational experience that enables them to complete their educational goals
 - Conduct student learning outcome assessment
 - Faculty attended introductory and advanced Cooperative Learning workshops

Recommendation: CPD to develop a program or seminar to help students prepare for the national registration exam, or evaluate program curriculum and implement a strategic plan to address any deficiencies related to the low pass rate for the national dietitian certification examination.

- FY05/FY06 and FY06/FY07 Action Plans/UTPA 2012 Goal: Provide students with a quality educational experience that enables them to complete their educational goals
 - Enhancement funding to provide web-based review sessions for Registered Dietitian (RD) exam to graduating students
 - RD exam review sessions provided to graduating students and the faculty
 - Curriculum reviewed and revised
 - Exit exams in the areas of food service and medical nutrition therapy and an RD practice exam administered to junior and senior students

Recommendations from our external accrediting agency from October 1998 have been also integrated into our strategic plan, or addressed by changes made in processes. Some of the recommendations such as the mission statement, faculty enrichment opportunities, and low pass rate on the RD exam have been addressed above. Additional recommendations are as follows:

Recommendation: CPD goals are not measurable. As program goals are redefined, methods of program evaluation may be expanded to include such approaches as exit interviews or focus groups to evaluate program goals and objectives.

- Program goals are redefined and are all measurable.
- Annual student learning outcomes assessment continuously monitors the measurable goals and their achievement.

Recommendation: Consider moving DIET 4351 Diet and Disease from Summer Session into a regular length term.

- This was accomplished in 1999-2000 by changing the course number to DIET 3357 and DIET 3358 and offering them during fall and spring semesters.