

California State University, Los Angeles
Kinesiology and Nutritional Science Department

Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) Mission and Goals

Overall Nutritional Science Program Philosophy:

The overall goal of the program is to prepare students for graduate studies or for entry level positions in nutrition, dietetics, food service management or food science.

Students may select either the Nutritional Science option (DPD) or the Coordinated Dietetics option (CDP).

The Nutritional Science option prepares students to work as nutritionists or continue their education at the Master's level. In addition, the Nutritional Science option prepares students to enter dietetics internships accredited by the American Dietetics Association.

DPD Mission:

The DPD allows students to pursue a variety of careers such as Registered Dietitians, and food/nutrition or health related professionals who will serve culturally diverse communities.

Goals:

- 1) To prepare students to be competent entry-level dietitians and/or food/nutrition or health related professionals.
- 2) The program will prepare students to interact in a culturally diverse community setting.
- 3) To effectively allocate and maintain resources necessary for a high quality accredited program in dietetics.

Coordinated Dietetics Program (CDP) Mission and Goals

Overall Nutritional Science Program Philosophy:

The overall goal of the program is to prepare students for graduate studies or for entry level positions in nutrition, dietetics, food service management or food science.

Students may select either the Nutritional Science option (DPD) or the Coordinated Dietetics option (CDP).

The Coordinated Dietetics Program (CDP) option is designed for persons seeking both academic course work and supervised practice required to qualify to take the examination to become a Registered Dietitian.

CDP Mission:

The CDP prepares men and women to become Registered Dietitians who will serve culturally diverse communities and work as a member of the health care team.

Goals:

- 1) To prepare students to be competent entry-level dietitians.
- 2) The program will prepare students to interact in a culturally diverse community setting.
- 3) To effectively allocate and maintain resources necessary for a high quality accredited program in dietetics.