

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: MS IN CLINICAL NUTRITION FOR ASPIRING DIETITIANS

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1. Professional Competencies

Schoolwide Outcome:

Graduates achieve professional competencies as currently defined by their respective profession.

Objectives: SHP graduates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate appropriate content knowledge as required by either entry-level or post-professional practice
2. Demonstrate clinical, research and/or technical skills necessary for successful performance in the chosen discipline

Program Outcomes:

1. Graduates will be able to achieve the competencies defined by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics(ACEND) Future Education Model Standards for Graduate Degree Programs.
2. Graduates will be able to integrate evidence-informed practice, research principles and critical thinking into practice.

2. Professionalism

Schoolwide Outcome:

Graduates exhibit professional behaviors such as cultural sensitivity, integrity, respect, compassion, and altruism, and demonstrate excellence in delivery of service and a commitment to their profession.

Objectives: SHP graduates will be able to:

1. Exhibit professional behaviors in all interactions
2. Exhibit a commitment to their profession through professional membership or participation in professional activities, and by interrelating with other professionals
3. Identify and evaluate the impact of culture and diversity on health beliefs, practices, and actions
4. Apply and/or demonstrate leadership principles and strategies in organization or professional settings

Program Outcomes:

1. Assessment Measures for Professional Competencies: Graduates achieve professional competencies as currently defined by their respective profession.
2. Graduates will be able to integrate evidence-informed practice, research principles and critical thinking into practice.

3. Communication

Schoolwide Outcome:

Graduates effectively communicate in oral, written, and technical formats.

Objectives: SHP graduates will be able to:

1. Express concepts in writing using proper grammar and stylistic guidelines

2. Appropriately document health information according to professional standards
3. Demonstrate critical thinking by synthesizing, organizing, presenting, and/or disseminating information following established guidelines at a level appropriate for the target audience
4. Adapt appropriate interactions and/or strategies in order to accommodate diverse audiences

Program Outcomes:

1. Graduates will be able to integrate evidence-informed practice, research principles and critical thinking into practice.
2. Graduates will be able to apply and integrate client/patient-centered principles of nutrition and dietetics into practice to ensure a safe practice environment and positive outcomes.
3. Graduates will be able to apply the foundational sciences of food and nutrition knowledge to meet the needs of individuals, groups, and organizations.

4. Collaboration

Schoolwide Outcome:

Graduates collaborate with health care team members and other stakeholders to facilitate the attainment of common goals.

Objectives: Within their scope of practice, SHP graduates will be able to:

1. Identify roles and responsibilities of team members in the provision of patient/client/community care
2. Identify opportunities and/or participate with others to set and achieve goals

Program Outcomes:

1. Graduates will work with and collaborate inter-professionally in client/patient-centered care activities
2. Graduates will apply and integrate client/patient-centered principles of nutrition and dietetics into practice to ensure a safe practice environment and positive outcomes.

5. Ethics and Jurisprudence

Schoolwide Outcome:

Graduates identify, critically evaluate, and practice professional, ethical and legal decision-making.

Objectives: Within the scope of their profession, SHP graduates will be able to:

1. Maintain and/or adhere to professional ethics and legal requirements
2. Articulate ethical and legal decision making practices (process by which an ethical/legal decision was made)
3. Apply ethical and legal principles to Identify breaches of professional ethics or legal requirements

Program Outcome:

1. Graduates will demonstrate professional and ethical behaviors and effective communication in all nutrition and dietetics interactions.

6. Education

Schoolwide Outcome: Graduates incorporate educational strategies into their roles.

Objectives: *Within the scope of their profession, SHP graduates will be able to:*

1. Identify relevant educational content for a target audience
2. Plan, implement and/or evaluate an educational program appropriate for a target audience

Program Outcomes:

1. Graduates will be able to achieve the competencies defined by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics(ACEND) Future Education Model Standards for Graduate Degree Programs.
2. Graduates will apply and integrate client/patient centered principles of nutrition and dietetics into practice to ensure a safe practice environment and positive outcomes.

7. Scholarship

Schoolwide Outcome:

Graduates apply methods of scientific inquiry and disseminate findings.

Objectives: *SHP graduates will be able to:*

1. Propose a problem/topic and appropriate methods to investigate it
2. Use systematic search techniques to find and critically appraise research and other sources of evidence
3. Summarize and disseminate findings to appropriate audiences

Program Outcomes:

1. Graduates will be able to integrate evidence-informed practice, research principles and critical thinking into practice.
2. Graduates will be able to routinely use and apply the evidence-based and informed research process to make decisions in professional practice.
3. Graduates will be able to apply and integrate client/patient centered principles of nutrition and dietetics into practice to ensure a safe practice environment and positive outcomes.

8. Problem-Solving

Schoolwide Outcome:

Graduates identify, critically analyze, and solve a variety of challenges.

Objectives: *SHP graduates will be able to:*

1. Recognize and respond appropriately to various situations within their discipline regarding clinical, cultural, psychosocial, quality improvement and/or administrative problems
2. Design and/or implement solutions using best evidence and/or practice guidelines
3. Assess outcomes

Program Outcomes:

1. Graduates will apply and integrate the principles of client/patient-centered nutrition and dietetics into practice to ensure a safe practice environment and positive outcomes.
2. Graduates will integrate evidence-informed practice, research principles and critical thinking into practice.

9. Information Management

Schoolwide Outcome:

Graduates effectively access, manage and use scientific, health care and/or patient/client information while respecting the ownership and privacy of sources.

Objectives: SHP graduates will be able to:

1. Identify and access sources of evidence/information to inform the decision making process for scholarship or patient care
2. Analyze evidence/information for quality, economic, legal, and social implications
3. Demonstrate proficiency in information privacy regulations, e.g. HIPPA and PHI
4. Adapt to changing technology in their field

Program Outcomes:

1. Graduates will integrate evidence-informed practice, research principles, and critical thinking into practice.
2. Graduates will demonstrate professional and ethical behaviors and effective communication in all nutrition and dietetics interactions.
4. Graduates will demonstrate computer skills and uses nutrition informatics in the decision making process.

10. Safety

Schoolwide Outcomes:

SHP graduates create a safe practice environment for themselves and their patients.

Objectives: Within their scope of practice, SHP graduates will be able to:

1. Recognize medical, behavioral, and public health emergencies
2. Demonstrate skills to create safe environments and respond to health emergencies

Program Outcomes:

1. Graduates will be able to apply food systems principles and management skills to ensure safe and efficient delivery of food/water to patients/clients.
2. Graduates will be able to apply and integrate client/patient centered principles of nutrition and dietetics into practice to ensure a safe practice environment and positive outcomes.