



Graduate Academic Learning Compact

Nutrition & Dietetics

Program Mission Statement

The mission of the University of North Florida Nutrition and Dietetics Doctorate of Clinical Nutrition Program is to transform nutrition and dietetics practitioners into advanced level clinical scholars who have the skills, attitudes, and high standards essential for pursuing, acquiring, and using evidence-based knowledge to make significant contributions to their communities through practice, service, and lifelong learning.

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able

Knowledge of Literature of Discipline (req)

- DCN students will be able to synthesize the latest research and implement it into evidence-based nutrition practice and the nutrition care process.

Independent Research/ Professional Practice (req)

- DCN students will be able to develop and evaluate a community program by completing a program planning evaluation project.
- Students will be able to develop a grant proposal based on specific criteria published by a funding agency of choice.

Assessment Approaches

DCN students are expected to achieve a grade of 80% or better on all courses in the program. Students will be evaluated using a variety of methods such as discussions, multiple choice tests, research papers, development of toolkits and grant proposals, as well as peer reviews. All assessments are accompanied by grading rubrics used by instructors to provide detailed feedback on student performance. There is also opportunity for students to revise and improve their work in most courses.

All DCN students are expected to successfully complete a doctoral research project and defend it in front of a committee at the end of the program.

DCN faculty are evaluated by students twice during each course, in the middle of the semester and at the end.