

**Northland Community & Technical College  
Dietetic Technology Advisory Board**

Date: Monday, October 30, 2017

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Place: Northland Community & Technical College  
2022 Central Ave. NE  
Room 301  
East Grand Forks, MN 56721

**Minutes**

1. Roll call with introductions
  - a. In attendance: Angie B, Becky R, Jenny H, Wendy M, Anna B, Mary M, Doris W, Sharon S, Jennifer B
2. Program Update
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Cohort of 6 update
    - i. 4 will be going into supervised practice this spring semester
    - ii. Looking into offering the supervised practice every Spring and Summer semester – similar to how OTA does their supervised practice courses
    - iii. Current students are in the following states: VA, ND, OH, MN(2), IA
    - iv. 2 utilizing the articulation agreement with UND's CDM program
    - v. Student Update
      1. Jennifer B reports that for many DT students Math 1110 – College Algebra is difficult. Many students are going back to college after years of being out of school. Questioning if there is a lower level math that could suffice for the requirement and work out the program-specific math such as equations for nutrition needs or supervisory/cooking as relevant to the DTR in the DIET courses.
      2. Amanda T is a DT student who was going to attend via Zoom link. She was called away to work duties and was unable to attend.
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cohort eligibility survey window
    - i. Open from 10/1 – 10/15
    - ii. 39 students have their intended major listed as Dietetic Technician
      1. 12 have completed the eligibility survey
      2. If all decide to continue with the major we have more than doubled our numbers in Cohort 1. Doubling was the goal for Cohort 2.
  - c. Program Interest
    - i. Angie is receiving at minimum either an email or a phone call every weekday regarding the program
    - ii. Interest from military serving overseas – as long as 300 supervised practice hours are completed on base, we can accommodate deployed military and their spouses

- d. We have a new Online Success Coach with DistanceMN. It was Tess Bellati, it is now Jana Berube. Our Northland advisor is Jackie Kuznia.
- 3. New Business
  - a. FNCE – Chicago Updates (10/21–24/17)
    - i. Angie manned the Dietetic Technicians in Practice – Practice Group’s (DTP-DPG) booth for an hour at the FNCE Showcase. Many DT students, or students who have not secured an internship after receiving a BS degree stopped by the booth. Some of them signed up to be members of the group that day. Many were interested in how they can further the workplace’s knowledge on the vast amount of duties that the DTR is competent to perform.
    - ii. Angie attended a newsletter editor training while at FNCE. She will be performing the role of newsletter editor for the DTP-DPG. She is requesting articles from area DTRs on any updates in their field, description of what their position entails, etc. Also, from RDs who have worked with DTRs. How did the DTR/RD team perform together to provide maximum nutrition care?
  - b. ANFP MN Career Fair – St. Cloud (10/20/17 – Holiday Inn & Suites; 450 CDMs and RDs)
    - i. Angie had a Northland DT booth. There were about 125 CDMs that stopped by the booth. There was some confusion voiced by attendees regarding the competencies of the DTR vs. the CDM.
    - ii. UND’s CDM program also had a booth next to Northland’s. They also highlighted the articulation agreement between Northland and UND for additional opportunity to advance the CDM credentials.
  - c. Northern Valley Career Fair – Grand Forks, ND (11/01/17 – Alerus Center; 1500 10<sup>th</sup> graders from over 30 different high schools in northeast ND and northwest MN)
    - i. There was a good turn-out of 10<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in a career in the healthcare field.
    - ii. An interactive booth was provided with fun trivia questions, examples of whole grains, visuals of 1# fat and 1# muscle, hyperglycemia wands, and calculating how many teaspoons of sugar are in common beverages.
- 4. Old Business
  - a. Dietetic Technician’s in Practice – Practice Group of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
    - i. Angie will be assistant newsletter editor and eventually transitioning to the editor role.
  - b. New “2017” Accreditation Guidelines
    - i. The curriculum map and the syllabi - To be submitted by January 2018. Angie is finishing up on the requirements.
- 5. Other?
  - a. Advisory board members questioned if the BIOL2131 Nutrition course will be taught by a RD in the future; especially after an adjunct faculty member is added to help with the DIET course load.
- 6. Next Meeting

- a. March 2017
  - b. Does 4:30 still work best for everyone?
    - i. Yes. This is the best time.
    - ii. Angie will continue to set up Zoom links for those who want to attend but cannot physically be there.
7. Adjourn