

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

Date: Monday, March 28, 2022

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Place: Angie's Zoom Virtual Meeting Link

Attendees: Julie, Jen, Kelly Jo, Dorothy, Doris, Julie, Sarineh, Wendy, Anna, Tamara, Sharon

Agenda

1. Roll call with introductions
2. New Business
 - a. CDR Exam Pass Rates
 - i. Since our first grads in 2019, we have an 81.82% pass rate for first time test takers within one calendar year of graduation. National average is 56.97%.
 - ii. We have small graduating classes, the 81.82% is due to 2 students not passing on their first attempt.
 - b. ACEND/Academy News
 - i. Exciting news that the Academy will sponsor a DTR Day every March on the Thursday after RD Day starting March 2023.
 - c. COVID-19 Update
 - i. Things are status-quo. Practicums in some states are still harder to establish.
 - d. 2022 Cohort
 - i. 28 eligibility surveys were submitted. Twenty acceptance letters were sent. Two have since dropped out of the program due to personal reasons for a total of 18 students in the current cohort.
 - e. PT Option
 - i. Most students still fall within the part-time option and are non-traditional students.
 - f. MAND
 - i. The MAND meeting is April 11-12, 2022 and the location is the Marriott Southwest (Minnetonka). It is a 1.5 day meeting with up to 19 CPEUs available. The keynote speakers are being live-streamed and recorded and people can choose the in-person option or virtual option.
 - ii. Angie is working with WAND to develop a standing July virtual in-service regarding DEIB. Tentative plans are 1.5 CPEUs over the lunch hour.
 - iii. Angie continues to advocate inclusivity of the DTR credential in all correspondences. This is something that the PR team keeps in mind for all MAND's social media postings.

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- iv. Sarineh Khachatourian continues to represent Northland on the MAND student board. Angie will be looking for another DT student to join MAND's board for the fall 2022/spring 2023 year.
- g. Preceptors/Practicums
 - i. Continue to be the biggest struggle. Many facilities want to use their own contract, or the dietitian is in private practice and does not carry the level of insurance needed to cover the students. We must use the MinnState contract. Because of this, students need to have their locations submitted by the end of the first summer semester to be in place by the second spring semester.
 - ii. April is Preceptor Recognition Month. Angie will be sending certificates of appreciation to each preceptor from the past year. Angie is also issuing CPEU certificates for preceptorship per CDR guidelines (up to 3 CPEU per year for up to 15 CPEU for preceptorship per 5-year recertification cycle).
 - iii. COVID-19 immunizations. Some students have chosen not to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, and this can impact their ability to do their practicum at the site of their choosing if that site requires the immunization. Students have been alerted to this and encouraged to take the immunization to prevent any unexpected delays in practicum completion.
- h. MN WIC
 - i. Since the cohorts and classes aren't full, we have been accepting MN WIC employees into DIET1005 Life Cycle Nutrition and DIET2000 Community Nutrition. We are expecting 6 from the metro this summer. There have also been discussions to develop a "nutrition certificate" that would include some of the DT program's classes and would allow MN WIC professionals to increase their nutrition knowledge to better serve participants. This is in a holding pattern right now while funding is being explored.
- 3. Graduate Updates/Concerns
- 4. Student Updates/Concerns
- 5. Other
 - a. Angie will be listed as a co-author for a chapter in the upcoming Nutrition Counseling and Educational Skills: A Guide for Professionals regarding facilitating group learning. It will be published by Jones & Bartlett Learning and sold by the Academy. It is expected to be released at FNCE 2022 in Florida.
- 6. Summarize meeting
- 7. Next Meeting: October, 2022
- 8. Adjourn