

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

Date: Monday, October 24, 2022

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Place: Angie's Zoom Virtual Meeting Link

Agenda

1. Roll call with introductions
2. New Business
 - a. CDR Exam Pass Rates
 - i. Our 5-year CDR report January 2017 – December 31, 2021 (which is only 3 years (2019-2021) shows and 81.82% pass rate (9/11 passing). This is skewed quite a bit since our class sizes are small.
 - ii. Our statistics are consistently above the national average, with the exception of nutrition during the 2020 year.
 - iii. We had one grad from January – June 2022 successfully pass the exam.
 - iv. There are two more grads taking the exam this week and early November.
 - b. ACEND/Academy News
 - i. Angie is part of a DT program director group. The purpose of the group is to advocate for the profession. We are currently working on determining why CDR doesn't have the DTR listed as an eligible credential for the Interdisciplinary Obesity and Weight Management Certification. This seems like an oversight. The DTR should be eligible for this advanced practice certificate because weight management is listed a number of times in their SOP. The DTR also has more nutrition education than the other eligible professions (social worker, psychologist, pharmacist, physical therapist, etc.). All these professions probably had 1 nutrition course at best with their degree. We are also focusing on reimbursement and billing for the DTR's services. If DTRs can have an NPI number, there should be billing/reimbursement available as well.
 - c. COVID-19 Update
 - i. Everything is status-quo with being an online program. Supervised practice locations continue to be the biggest hurdle.
 - d. 2023 Cohort
 - i. We have 14 submissions for the Eligibility Survey. The survey ended on October 19th. Angie will be reviewing the surveys this week and getting back to students next week. We have 17 students between the last 2 years of eligibility survey students that are at some point in their DT program journey. Most are attending part-time and this leads to a longer time before

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graduation and smaller graduating classes. However, this is meeting the needs of the student, which is a primary goal of the program.

- e. MAND
 - i. Angie is on the Board and serving as Education Director this year. We recently met and chose our speakers for the annual meeting. It will be a one-day event on Friday, April 28th at the Eagan Community Center.
- f. Preceptors/Practicums
 - i. This continues to be the biggest hurdle for students. A potential script has been added to the student handbook to help students reach out to facilities in their geographic location.
- g. MN WIC – Potential Community Nutrition Certificate
 - i. WIC approached Northland to develop a certificate program for their staff.
 - ii. Minimum of 16 credits to be eligible for financial aid.
 - iii. Designed with the working professional in mind.
 - iv. Goal is to submit the certificate proposal to AASC by November 4th.
 - v. Advisory board recommended the addition of a 1-credit course to bring the 1st semester to a minimum of 6 credits to be eligible for financial aid. HLTH1108 Cultural Diversity was chosen from our line-up of online fall courses to fit the 1-credit requirement and enrich the certificate for people who work in community nutrition.
 - vi. The Advisory Board recommended keeping the basic nutrition course (BIOL2131) in the semester prior to Life Cycle (DIET 1005), and then community nutrition (DIET2000) in the summer semester to allow for scaffolding and building on the information from previous semesters.
 - vii. The Advisory Board recommends the title of “Community Nutrition Certificate” and sees this as a potential to market nation-wide to WIC clinics.
 - viii. See attachment.
- h. Program Improvement Plan
 - i. Angie will be working on a program improvement plan by November 30th. The main area of focus will be recruiting more students. The draft plan is for Angie to attend MN ANFP annual meetings with a booth about Northland and our articulation agreement to waive 14 credits. There is potential to share a booth at the annual national ANFP conference with UND. Students to this point have all been non-traditional students who work full-time and have family obligations. This would be our main demographic to market the degree towards. Market the articulation agreement with MSUM for their BS in healthcare administration. Work on articulation agreement with a MS/RD fully online program to create a CDM → DTR → RD career pathway/ladder.
 - ii. Surveyed students about 1st 8 week and 2nd 8-week courses. Nine responded with 4 saying they would be interested in this setup and 5 saying they would not be interested.
 - iii. The Advisory Board recognized that there will be ongoing concerns regarding class sizes due to accommodating our non-traditional students and their

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needs. They state that we would not want to change the part-time capability of the program, or only offer practicums during one semester, because this would not be meeting the needs of our students. The Advisory Board strongly supports marketing through the ANFP journal, and through their MN conference annually, and the national conference as funds permit. They strongly support the establishment of an articulation agreement with a fully-online MS/RD program to be the only program in the nation with a career ladder from CDM to DTR to RD.

3. Graduate Updates/Concerns
 - a. None noted.
4. Student Updates/Concerns
 - a. None noted.
5. Other
 - a. Kelly Jo Zellmann, advisory board member and consultant RD, will now be the director for UND's CDM program. Kelly is excited to stay on Northland's DT board in her new capacity.
6. Summarize meeting
7. Next Meeting: March, 2023 – a Doodle poll will be sent out in February to establish a date that will work best for the group.
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