Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics

Mission statement
The M.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics is designed to prepare students interested in community nutrition to work as registered dietitians (becoming a registered dietitian requires completion of a dietetic internship) in a variety of public and private health organizations in county, state, and government agencies or as patient-care dietitians in hospitals and other health-care settings. The program also prepares students to continue their studies in doctoral programs.

Program Objectives
The M.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics is a professionally oriented program that prepares graduates for advanced practice and leadership positions in nutrition and dietetics and for advanced graduate study. The objectives of the program are that graduates will be able to:
1. Integrate knowledge of nutritional needs and human behavior, as well as the economic and management aspects of health.
2. Guide change in dietary behavior for both the treatment of disease and the promotion of health.
3. Design and implement programs to provide nutrition care in acute care community agencies, and educational programs.
4. Practice as good consumers of research information, as well as being adept in interpreting, designing, and conducting research in nutrition and dietetics.
5. Demonstrate a scientific and ethical approach to the acquisition and use of knowledge regarding nutrition and dietetics.
6. Practice appropriate use of cognitive, communication, and technological skills in professional practice in nutrition and dietetics.