

Department of Nutritional Sciences Coordinated Program in Dietetics NUTR 4629 Supervised Practice in Community and Food Security

Course Description:

This supervised practice rotation is comprised of 90 hours of experiential work on a community case study to develop skills for community nutrition practice. The community case study will be developed by conducting a community needs assessment of the community and policy level mediators of pediatric obesity and food insecurity prevention in your county. The community needs assessment will include an introduction to the obesity and food insecurity problems nationally and in your county, qualitative data collection including an in-person interview with a community nutritionist, quantitative data collection of public health surveillance, GIS map, and other online community-level data, and nutrition and physical activity policy indicator data. Data collected will be synthesized, related to the published research literature and other geographic areas, and will include recommendations. Students will also develop an executive summary for the community needs assessment report.

Students must complete the requirements for the course and submit the portfolio demonstrating their work within one semester. An In Progress (IP) grades will only be given upon student request and under extenuating circumstances.

Credits: One (1)

Course Format and Modes of Instruction:

The supervised practice assignments and discussion occur through Moodle and students are required to participate in a professional manner throughout the semester. At the end of the semester, the students are to compile the assignments in a portfolio format and submit the portfolio electronically within the Moodle course Drop Box.

Prerequisites: NUTR 4100 Nutrition Education in the Community must be completed before registering for this course. The required textbook is the same book used in NUTR 4100.

Course Goals and Objectives:

The goal of this course is to fulfill the core competencies required for the supervised practice component of entry-level dietetic education in community and food security. In order to be verified for credentialing by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND), all entry level core competencies must be met through supervised practice. The objectives of this course are listed below and will be met via experiential assignments and discussion.

Requirements	Weight
Community Nutrition Needs Assessment Report	70%
Executive Summary Report for Stakeholders	10%
Professional Conduct (15) and Portfolio (5)	20%
Total	100%

Course Requirements: