

UBC DIETETICS PROGRAM UPDATE

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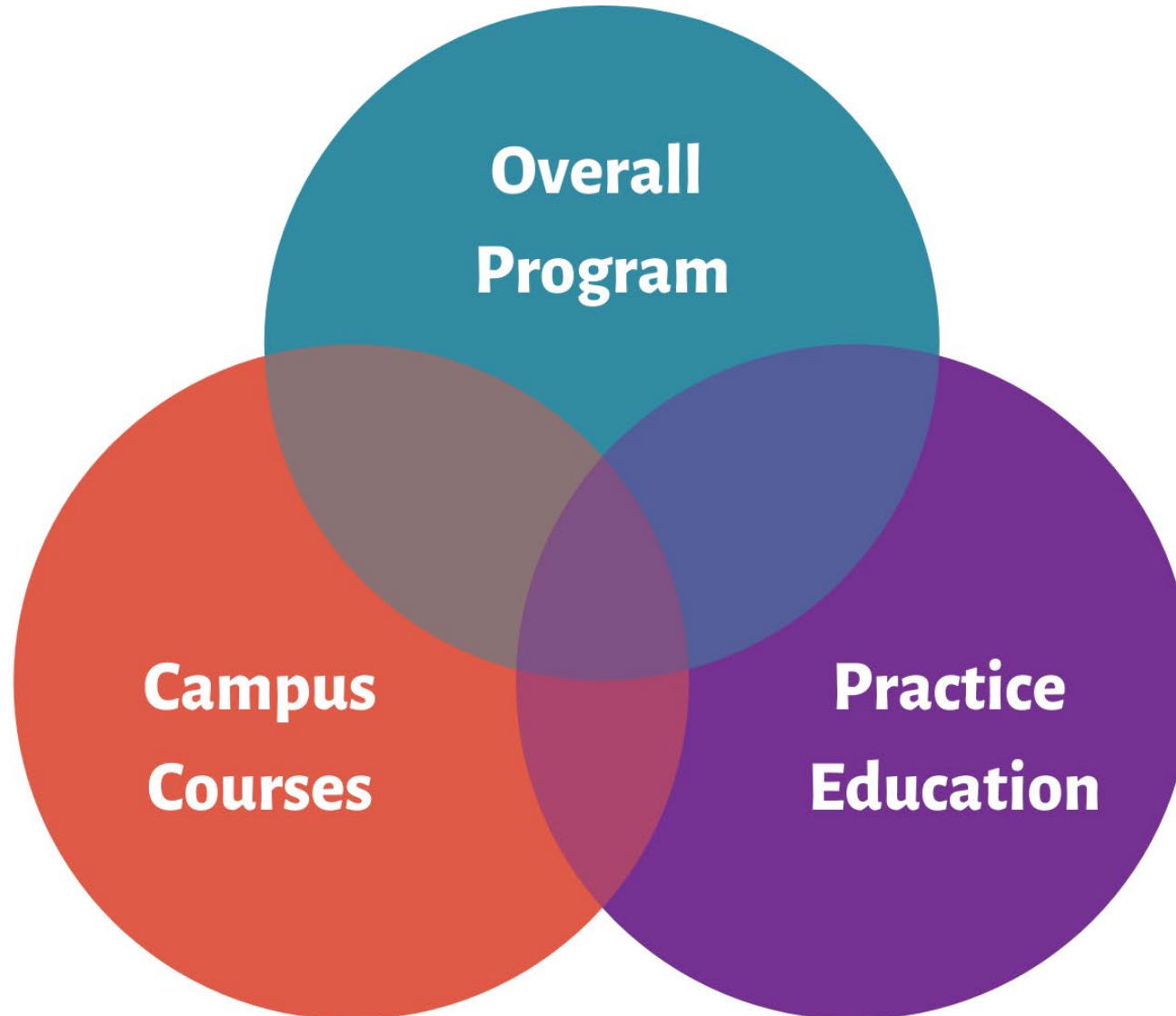
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DIETETICS MAJOR CHANGES



OVERALL PROGRAM

Where we are now



- ❖ Reviewing consultant recommendations and determining actions, with respect to equity, diversity, inclusion (EDI) and Indigenous Truth & Reconciliation
- ❖ Wrapped up year 5 student research project on Dietetics Program admissions processes
- ❖ Creating new program advisory committees, with intention to better address EDI
- ❖ Mapping all program courses to new 2020 ICDEP, anticipated completion Sept 2021

OVERALL PROGRAM

Next steps



- Determine realistic goals & timelines to advance EDI and Truth & Reconciliation work
- Collaborate with the College of Registered Dietitians of BC on EDI initiatives
- Develop new committee Terms of Reference and determine when to implement
- Review findings of ICDEP mapping and begin needed course changes

CAMPUS COURSES

Where we are now

- ❖ Mapping new year 3 nutrition care & counselling courses to 2020 ICDEP
- ❖ Reviewing evaluation data to determine course needs
- ❖ Collaboration to ensure courses meet student & practice community needs



Next steps

- Hiring for year 3 counselling course now – course planning & teaching Jan - April 2022
- Implementation & evaluation of new courses in 2022
- Implementation & evaluation of any changes to existing courses in 2022

PRACTICE EDUCATION

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PRACTICE EDUCATION

Summer Term 1
May to mid-June
1 placement for 6 weeks
Province-wide locations



Introduction to nutrition care
practice areas

Summer Term 1
May to mid-June
1 placement for 6 weeks
Province-wide locations



Food provision & management
practice areas

Winter Terms 1 & 2
September to April
4 placements - 6 weeks each
Province-wide locations



Nutrition care & population health
practice areas

Current Practice Education	New Practice Education
All placements in year 5	Placements in years 3, 4 & 5
Average placement length 2-4 weeks	All placements will be 6 weeks in length
39 weeks total for practice education	37 weeks total for practice education
Each student placed in one “core site” Health Authority for 39 weeks	UBC to place each student in multiple Health Authorities and organizations around the province
Practice education divided into “modules” (i.e. nutrition care, food service management etc.)	Practice education will not include modules ; Students will experience a variety of practice areas/settings
Weekly Thursday afternoon of UBC or site-led time; students not with preceptors	Weekly full-day of UBC-led time – Fridays in year 3, Thursdays in year 4 & 5; students not with preceptors/sites
Preceptors are responsible for formal student evaluation in each placement	UBC instructors and preceptors will share student evaluation responsibilities in each placement

RESEARCH COMPETENCIES

New Approach



Move to a small-scale 6-week project
Preceptor supervised; in year 4 placement
Management & leadership focused projects
UBC to support with weekly Thursday teaching days

Why?

- Change in 2020 ICDEP competencies
- Resources required for Research Module are unsustainable
- Students not reporting a positive research experience

Why are we making these changes?

- ★ Align our program model with best practices
- ★ Address long-standing feedback from students, placement sites & preceptors:
 - Lack of equity of student experiences & placement locations
 - Heavy placement coordination load for Health Authority sites
 - Student performance management – need better support for students & sites
 - Cumbersome evaluation forms & processes
 - Need for enhanced role & expertise of UBC dietetics educators in practice education
 - Opportunity to increase equity, diversity & inclusion in committee structures



PRACTICE EDUCATION – NEXT STEPS

Now

Capacity assessment of placements & preceptors



Phase in over 2 years

Develop new placement processes

2022

Add Year 3 placements (May- June) & modifications to year 5 (September)

2023

Add Year 4 placements (May- June) & full transition for year 5 (September)

Ongoing

Evaluation with students, preceptors & sites to inform further modifications

**Do you want
to be a
preceptor?**

Seeking preceptors for 2022!

- Year 3 placements from May 16 to June 24, 2022
- Students placed in pairs
- Focus: communication, assessment & teamwork skills
- Placements can be in any nutrition care setting, e.g.
 - Long-term care
 - Acute care
 - Certain outpatient settings
 - Private sector (organizations or RDs in private practice)

MASTERS CREDENTIAL & PROGRAM EXPANSION



Master of Nutrition and Dietetics (MND)

- Alternate route to becoming a registered dietitian
- More desirable option for students with previous degrees
- Work underway to clearly define differences between BSc and MND

Change Process



Join us on Zoom for updates on our progress

Thursday September 30, 2:00-3:00 pm

January 2022 (date TBD)

