

Coordinated Program (CP) in Dietetics Newsletter  
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To: Preceptors, Community Mentors, Graduates and Friends of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics at Kansas State University

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#### ACCREDITATION

The big news for the coordinated program this year is our ten-year accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE). Our site visit was April 26-28 and I received the site visit summary June 15. I am currently responding to a few additional questions posed by the site visit team to send to the CADE Board of Directors. The CADE board will make their final decision at their meeting in October and the CP will have the final decision the first week in November. The site visit went extremely well with most standards met and only a few partially met. My thanks to all those preceptors, graduates, students and faculty members who participated in the conference calls and meetings with the site visit team. As the program director, I am very much aware that the strength of the coordinated program is its dedicated students, preceptors, faculty members and advisors. My compliments and gratitude to each of you for your many contributions to the success of the program.

#### SUPERVISED PRACTICE

The coordinated program received final approval for the curriculum changes required to increase supervised practice hours from 900 to 1200 this spring. Beginning spring 2010, HMD 561 Management in Dietetics Practicum and HMD 521 Clinical Dietetics Practicum will each be eight credit hours and 40 hours per week in supervised practice. HMD 517 Communication Competencies in Dietetics Practice Practicum will move to summer session to allow students and community mentors more space and time for their projects. HMD 516 will be offered on-campus spring semester and by distance summer session and will be opened to didactic students.

#### STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

CADE and the site visit team approved our new concentration, Strategic Leadership. This new concentration replaced the generalist concentration of many years. This academic year, students completed capstone projects in their management, community and clinical practicum courses with the intent to learn a process of meeting client/customer needs in a strategic and resource-effective manner. The projects completed have been fascinating with some opening doors for even bigger projects. The goal of the new CP concentration is to train students to provide client-centered care and customer-focused products and services.

## THANK YOU TO PRACTICUM SITES

Fourteen students graduated from the coordinated program this May and several have already notified us that they have found jobs. In this year of budget cuts and staffing changes, I would like to say a special thank you to the practicum sites this semester for working with our students. Staff members in some practicum sites worked with students in the midst of some challenging changes. I extend my thanks to the preceptors and staff members of Truman Medical Center, St. Luke's Health Care System, Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital, Robert Dole Veterans Administration Hospital, Kansas Medical Center, McConnell Air Force Base Wellness Center, St. John's Regional Medical Center, Freeman Health Center, Hays Medical Center, Olathe Medical Center, Centerpoint Medical Center, Mercy Regional Health Center, Via-Christi Health Care System, VA Eastern Health Care System, Leavenworth and VA Eastern Health Care System, Topeka. Thank you also to the HMD 517 community sites this semester, Olathe School District Employee Wellness Program, Kansas Beef Council, Liberty Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services and USD 453 Child Nutrition Services.

## NEW SUPERVISED PRACTICE ROTATIONS

The 2008 CADE Standards require supervised practice to contain a WIC rotation and a long term care rotation. Preceptors are working with local RDs to facilitate these new rotations. If you are currently working in WIC or long term care and would like to work with a student for about five days each semester, please contact me at [rmschwar@ksu.edu](mailto:rmschwar@ksu.edu). Also, if you would like to be a community mentor during the summer months and guide a student through a project to benefit your organization, please let me know.

## HMD 510

HMD 510 Introduction to Clinical Dietetics continues to be a success. I extend my thanks to the terrific guest speakers for spring 2009, Teresa Sandborne, Krista Clark, David Scharpenburg, Jennifer Bowell, Joan Buchholz, Kristi Drake, Ann Egelhof, Denise Huff, and Mavis Griesemer.

## AND LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST

Congratulations to Kevin Sauer, PhD, RD for completion of his doctorate degree in philosophy. Kevin's dissertation was on job and career satisfaction of management dietitians. Dr. Sauer teaches Financial Management in Dietetics, Management in Dietetics, Management in Dietetics Practicum and Practicum Recitation.

Preceptors, mentors, advisors and volunteers, again my thanks to you. Graduates, keep in touch, we love to hear from you! If you have questions or comments regarding the Coordinated Program in Dietetics at KSU, please contact me at [Rmschwar@ksu.edu](mailto:Rmschwar@ksu.edu).

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