

Master of Dietetics Administration (MDA) Assessment Report

Fall 2022

MDA Program Numbers

Demand for the MDA continues to be strong. The average cohort size for the last 3 years is 24.3. This year (2022), the cohort size is below average, which is a reflection of fewer students coming from the USU Dietetic (DI). The DI has had smaller cohorts the last few years and over 90% of student in the MDA come from the USU DI. See spreadsheet below for yearly numbers, total students and graduates since 2012. Completion rates and time frame continue to be very good. For cohorts that began in 2012 through 2021, there is a total of 208 graduates. Approximately half graduate within one year and % graduating within 2 years has ranged from 72-83% for the past 3 years. For most continuing students, graduation is anticipated under or around the 2-year mark. There is a trend for the average time to completion to be longer than several years ago. This is likely a reflection of the greater percentage of students are coming directly from the USU dietetic internship. These students often need an extra semester or two to complete coursework or the MDA project since they are beginning jobs as dietitians at the same time they are starting the MDA.

MDA Cohort start	# students	Years to Completion								Continuing	% graduating at 1 year	% graduating within 2 years
		1	1.33	1.67	2	2.33	2.67	3+				
Fall 2012	9	6	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	67%	89%
Fall 2013	12	8	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	67%	92%
Fal 2014	11	5	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	45%	100%
Fall 2015	31	17	7	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	55%	94%
Fall 2016	25	13	5	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	52%	96%
Fall 2017	19	6	3	3	4	1	1	1	0	0	32%	84%
Fall 2018	33	18	4	2	3	1	1	1	3	3	55%	82%
Fall 2019	36	16	9	1	4	1	2		3	3	44%	83%
Fall 2020	25	6	3	5	4				7	7	24%	72%
Fall 2021	29	13	7						9	9	45%	
Total (2012-20201	230	108	43	24	19	5	6	3	22	22	47%	
Fall 2022	19											
		249 Total # students including current cohort										
		208 Total # grads (2012 cohort thru 2021 cohort graduates)										
		24.33 Average cohort size for past 3 years										

MDA Program Changes

The MDA is undergoing a transition to accommodate changes in dietetics education requirements. Beginning in Fall 2023, the MDA will become a Future Education Model accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics. The USU DI is in its last year and the new model will be the Pre-RD MDA track combining 1000 hours of supervised practice and the MDA graduate coursework. This program will initially accept 35 students a year. A track will continue to be available for students that are already dietitians, the post-RD MDA track. The remaining students are continuing and anticipate graduation under or around the 2-year mark. There is a trend for the average time to completion to be longer than several years ago. This is likely a reflection of the greater percentage of students are coming directly from the USU dietetic internship. These students often need an extra semester or two to complete coursework or the MDA project since they are beginning jobs as dietitians at the same time they are starting the MDA.