

Involving Nutrition Students in the Assessment Process

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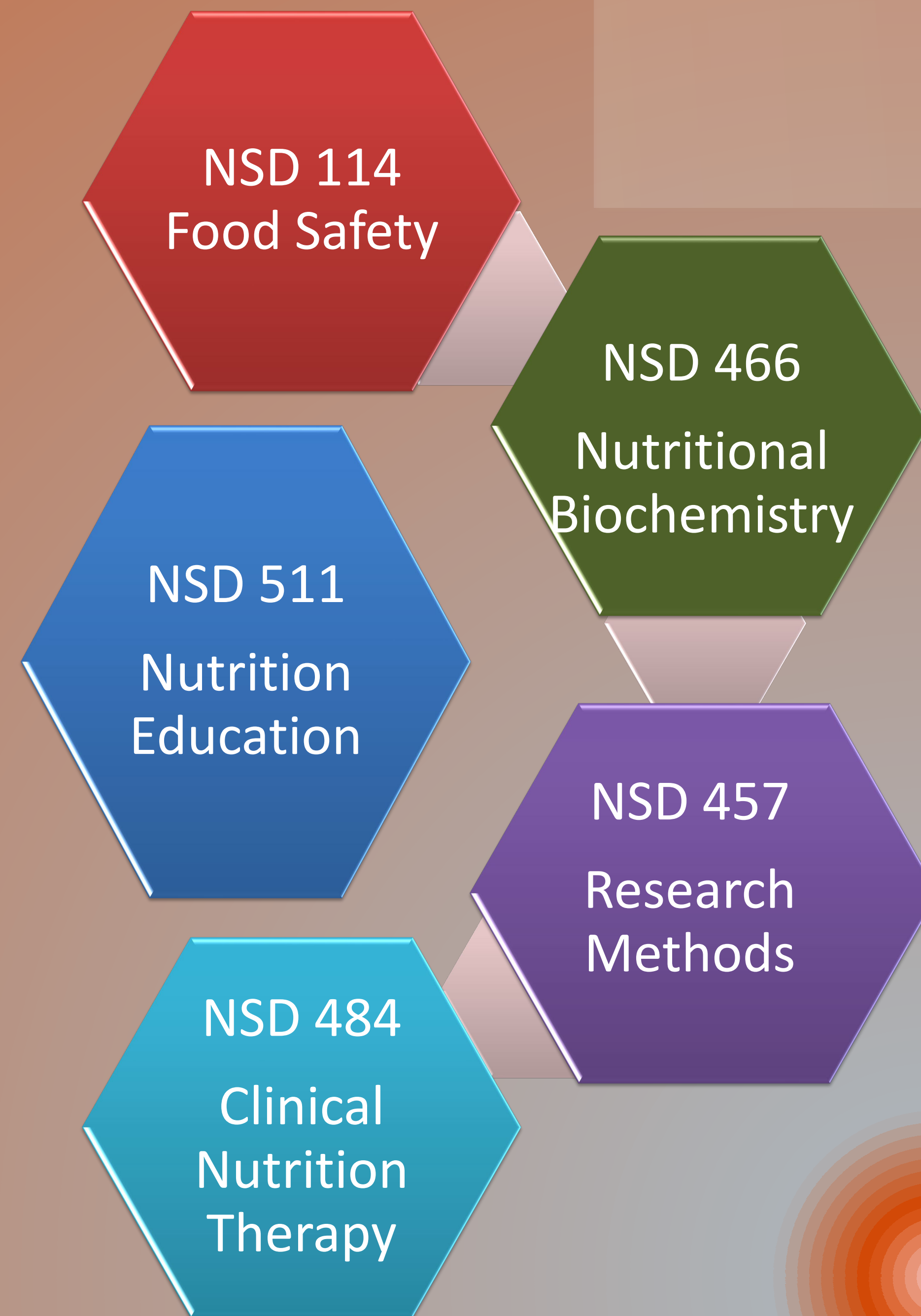
Introduction

The Nutrition Program has been accredited for several years. Historically, it has not involved students in the assessment process. This project was an opportunity to educate students about the ACEND assessment process and determine students understanding of the ACEND assessment process and fill in the knowledge gaps during educational classroom visits.

These classroom visits can be replicated each year. The hope is that there will be continual engagement and feedback with students regarding our ACEND assessment process.

NUTRITION B.S.

If you want to become a registered dietitian, this is where you start.



Successful Strategies

- First time ACEND discussions with students
- Classroom visits and brief PowerPoint presentation
- Senior Nutrition Student Liaison/Peer Learning
- Electronic Pre and Test (QR Code)

Results

- 14% increase identifying accrediting agency
- 2% increase identifying a KRDN
- 17% increase identifying student outcome measures
- 25% increase identifying the DPD Program accreditation
- 42% increase student level of understanding of the assessment process

Nutrition, B.S.

- Program established in 1917
- 80 students
- 11 faculty

Accrediting Agency:

- Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)
- Fully accredited through year 2028

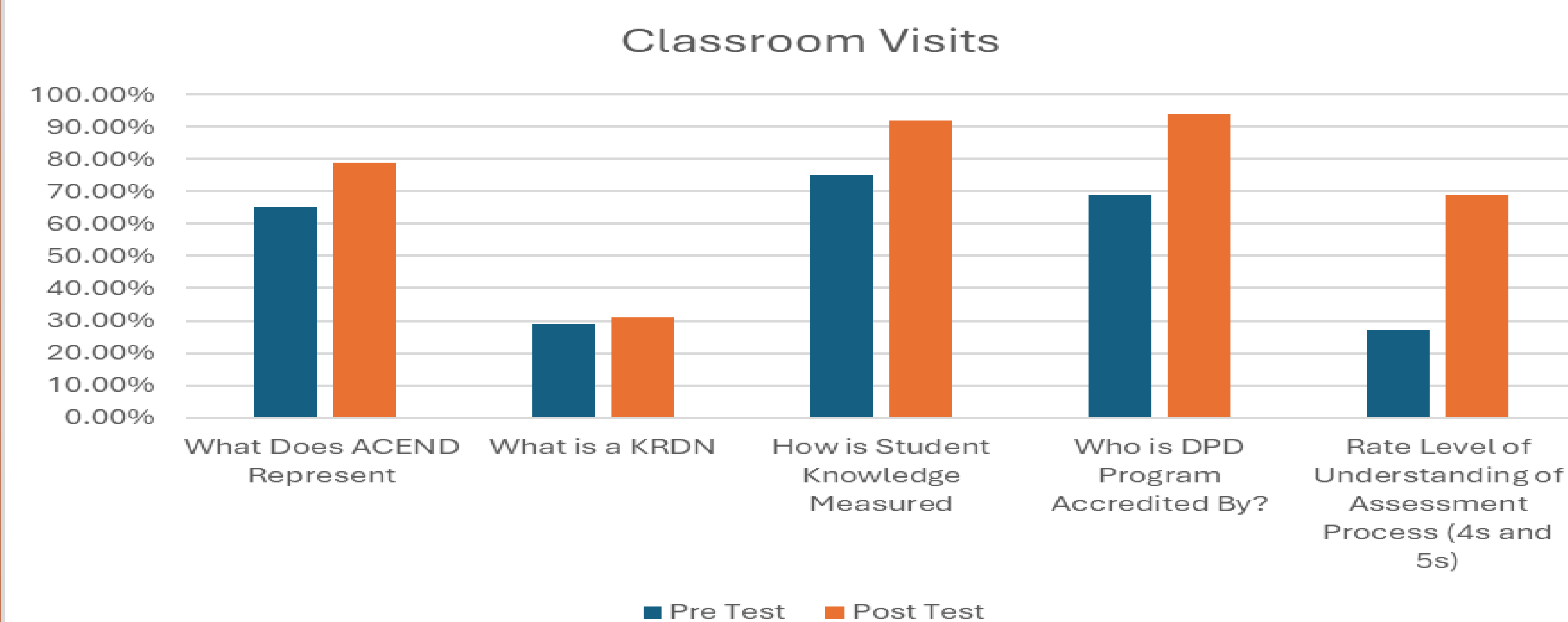
Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) is the accrediting agency for education programs preparing students for careers as registered dietitian nutritionists or nutrition and dietetics technicians, registered.

Assessment Methods

- Pre-Test (n=48)
- Post-Test (n=48)
- Classroom Visits/Discussions

SLO Outcome Data from Classroom Visits



Learning Outcomes for the ALI Project

LO1	Students will be able to know what the acronym ACEND represents
LO2	Students will be able to identify a KRDN
LO3	Students will be able to understand how their Nutrition Program measures student knowledge.
LO4	Students will understand that ACEND is the accrediting agency for the Nutrition Program.
LO5	Students will be able to rate their level of understanding about the assessment process using a scale of 1-5.

Implications

Use of Results

- Need more work and clarity about KRDN's especially on syllabi

Action Plans/Next Steps

- Replicate each year
- Share results with Nutrition faculty
- Incorporate into 2027 Self-Study
- Move towards student feedback and dialogue in classroom visits to inform program-level decision-making