



The request for termination of the Dietetics (M.S.) program is based on low program enrollment and the availability of related majors at SDSU that meet student demand.

As of fall 2023, there are three students enrolled in the Dietetics (M.S.) program. Enrollment has decreased by 70% since fall of 2018 when enrollment was ten students. The total number of awarded degrees over a 5-year period is fifteen.

Declining enrollment in the SDSU Dietetics (M.S.) program can in part be attributed to a change in RDN exam eligibility requirements. Effective January 1, 2024, the minimum degree requirement to be approved for eligibility for the registration examination for dietitians will change from a bachelor's degree to a graduate degree. This decision was made by the Commission on Dietetics Registration (CDR) in 2012.

In response to the RDN exam graduate degree eligibility requirement, SDSU proposed and was approved to offer an accelerated bachelor's to master's degree program in December 2021. The first cohort of Nutrition & Dietetics (M.S.) students started in the fall of 2022 with expected graduation in May of 2025. Graduates of the Nutrition & Dietetics (M.S.) program are eligible for the RDN exam. The program is currently in good standing with the Commission on Dietetics Registration (CDR) and the American Dietetic Association (ADA).

research workload to focus on securing extramural funding.

**g. What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?**

No employee terminations are necessary. Workload will be redirected to other programs in the college.