The Association of Coordinated Program in Dietetics
Admission Criteria With Success on the National
Registration Examination for Dietitians
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INTRODUCTION
47% of Coordinated Programs (CP) in US had ≤80% pass rate over a five-year period (2005-2009) on the National Registration Examination for Dietitians (NRED). 1

OBJECTIVES
• Identify the association between CP admission criteria and success on the NRED
• Identify the perceptions on the value of admission criteria

METHODS
Approved by IRB
Participants
• CP graduates between 2005-2009 from a Midwestern University (n=21)
• Practicing RDs (n=76)
• CP directors (n=24)
Instrument
• Online Survey using SurveyMonkey 2
Statistical Analyses
• Fisher’s exact test
• Spearman’s correlation coefficients
• Alpha ≤ 0.05

RESULTS

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CONCLUSION
An increased awareness of associations and perceptions of admission criteria and success on the NRED may assist CP directors, students, and stakeholders to establish/attain CP admission criteria that ensure student success.

Nationwide study for dietetics education, student selection, and criteria for dietetics education program accreditation is recommended.

REFERENCE

The NDSU CP exceeded the 80% pass rate on the NRED 2006-2010