

# CULINARY ARTS AND NUTRITION AAS PROGRAM REVIEW SUMMARY AND ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS



## A. Summary of Program Strengths

- The program review process has already made plans to reduce the coursework/workload of the primary instructor;
- Authentic experiences offered by the program, including the internships, is a strong aspect of the program;
- Long term experience of faculty;
- Connection to the Land Grant program and staff;
- Good advisory group;
- Nice facility;
- Really strong community partners

## B. Summary of Program Challenges

- Low enrollments;
- Weak retention and persistence;
- Students coming into the program are underprepared for college;
- Faculty consistently teaching on an overload;
- Program of study lacks coherence with some duplication among courses

## C. Actionable Insights

- Look at how we are marketing the program
- Revise the curriculum and degree plan
- Identify and commit Land Grant staff to assume specific duties for this program
- Combine the advisory committees from the Ag and Culinary Arts and Nutrition programs
- Identify retention and persistence issues and develop a plan to address those issues
- Retention and Activities Coordinator help with first-year advising

## D. Program Action

- Retain program of study as is
- Expand program of study to another level, specialty, or delivery option
- Revise program of study to better meet the needs of students, current labor market or industry
- Consolidate program of study with another program
- Terminate program of study

## E. Institutional Support Needed and/or Committed to Carry Out Action

- Coordination of Land Grant staff support;
- Include College Relations in promotion of the Culinary Arts and Nutrition program;
- Cover cost of external evaluation;
- Office of Institutional Research will help the program study retention and persistence challenges;
- Student Activities and Retention Administrator will work with program to develop to help address retention and persistence; and
- Career Services Director will work with internships and placements

## F. Follow Up

Follow Up Date: April 2021

Next Full Review Year: April 2023