

## Request to Rename Academic Program

University: University of Arizona

<b>Current Name of Academic Program:</b> Bachelor of Science in Nutritional Sciences – Dietetics Emphasis
<b>New Name of Academic Program:</b> Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics
<b>Academic Department:</b> School of Nutritional Sciences and Wellness, College of Agriculture, Life, and Environmental Sciences (CALES)
<b>Geographic Site:</b> Tucson – Main; Yuma – Distance. Online. Global.
<b>Instructional Modality:</b> In person and online
<b>Brief Program Description:</b> Be on the front lines of helping people live healthier, happier lives. Thanks to important new research in disease prevention, the field of nutrition is growing. The Bachelor of Science in Nutritional Sciences is a science-heavy approach to nutritional therapies and human health and well-being. The degree program includes courses in medical nutrition therapy, community nutrition, nutrition counseling and food service management. Students are eligible to take the Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians after graduating to earn the Nutrition and Dietetics Technician, Registered credential.  LEARNING OUTCOMES - Effectively communicate diet and nutrition information/knowledge to diverse populations - Apply scientific evidence, best practices, and professional judgment when evaluating food- and nutrition-related problems - Identify alterations in nutrition metabolism and its implications on health and disease - Utilize food science and culinary principles in food preparation to recognize how knowledge of food can influence nutritional status.
<b>Reason for Renaming the Program:</b> We are updating the curriculum to focus solely on dietetics, which is accredited through the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). The dietetics curriculum is currently offered as a subplan/emphasis within the NSC degree, and we propose to make dietetics a stand-alone degree program in line with other ACEND accredited program across the US.

Executive Director Signature: Ken Wilford \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 2/20/24 \_\_\_\_\_