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REQUEST FOR NEW PROGRAM AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY:
MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN DIETETICS

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by Iowa State University (ISU) to establish a Master of Professional Practice in Dietetics (MPPD) in the department of Food Science and Human Nutrition in the College of Human Sciences.

Executive Summary: The proposed MPPD creates a non-thesis, online graduate degree. Currently, ISU offers a Dietetics Internship Graduate Certificate (DI). The Commission on Dietetics Registration, the credentialing agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, announced that by 2024 a master's degree will be required to take the national credentialing exam. Demand for the MPPD program is high among current graduate certificate students. According to Occupational Outlook Handbook, the job outlook for dietitians/nutritionists is positive. Between 2014 and 2024, the number of positions will grow by 11,000 (16%). ISU already has all of the necessary faculty to support the program initially. The Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the Council of Provosts and the Board office support approval of this program.