

# Dietary Supplement Education – Ideas for the Office of Dietary Supplements

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### What is Presently Taught

- Medical Nutrition Therapy
  - Used handbook of Herbal-Nutrient Interactions
  - Used handbook of Drug-Nutrition Interactions

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- Basic Nutrition
  - Vitamin-mineral supplements
    - Benefits
    - Interactions
  - Need to teach them more about herbal supplements

#### American Dietetic Association

Expects that nutrition students will now be taught about herbal supplements

- Expects that nutrition students will comprehend drug-nutrient interactions
  - Vitamin-mineral supplements
  - Herbal supplements

### Some Specific Questions

- Can St. John's Wort and Prozac be taken at the same time?
- Do Vitamin C and antioxidants interfere with chemotherapy?
- Which prescriptions deplete key nutrients?
- Are calcium supplements a risk while taking digoxin?
- Are herbs safe before surgery?

#### Barriers

Time allotted per semester makes it difficult

 Need a good book and/or CD that will be easy to use

- For faculty
- For students

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