

## 2. Exemplifying the Student Education and Practice-Informed Teaching Focus Area



Handy Dandy Market and Deli located in South Knoxville partners partnered with UT Nutrition students and Knox County Health Department to become health corner store

*Public health nutrition class facilitates “healthy corner store” as viable business strategy*

Graduate students in the Department of Nutrition enrolled in Nutrition 505, under the supervision of Dr. Marsha Spence, partnered with Knox County Health Department’s *Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities* program to implement Knox County’s *first* healthy corner store initiative: creating surveys and interview tools, evaluating the site, assessing purchasing patterns and creating a report with suggestions for healthy corner store interventions. Community leaders in the Neighborhood Organization will work to implement the changes suggested in the students’ report.



One of the public health nutrition student’s abstract, Sara C Hay, RDN, LDN, was selected for an oral presentation at the Graduate Student Advisory Board’s Research Colloquium, UT College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences and earned the \$500 Dean’s Professional Development award. Another student, Kristin Riggsbee, submitted an abstract to the American Public Health Association’s annual conference. Additional student team members were Megan Beck and Lauren Manuel.