

Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) is the accrediting agency for education programs preparing students for careers as registered dietitian nutritionists or nutrition and dietetics technicians, registered.

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News and Updates

Fall Due dates for Dietetics Application Process Moved to November

As announced within the February ACEND Update and two ACEND Town Halls over the past few weeks, ACEND released the revised application process for dietetics. Within this process, the ACEND Board voted that fall and spring key dates must be followed by all supervised practice programs (all DIs, CPs, and GPs). Based on feedback received after the ACEND Town Halls and because the 2024-2025 application cycle will serve as a pilot to revise and improve the process, the DAP Task Force has decided to adjust the Fall Due Dates earlier in the cycle. This decision was made to ensure programs with an early spring start date are able to orient and onboard students as needed before the start of the program. Below are the revised Fall Due Dates:

REVISED FALL Due Dates

- November 1, 2024: Applicant notification due date. Programs must notify applicants on or before this date.
- November 15, 2024: Applicant decision due date. Programs may NOT require an applicant's decision to accept an appointment prior to this date.

Note that the spring due dates remain the same as March 1, 2025- application notification due date and March 15, 2025-application decision due date.

To view the entire message about the new application process and the recent decisions made by the ACEND board, refer to the February ACEND Update posted here: <https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/public-notices-and-announcements/acend-update>.

2025 Annual Fee for Program Budgets

As many ACEND-accredited programs start planning future budgets, this is a reminder that the 2025 Annual Accreditation Fee can be found on the **Accreditation Fee Schedule**, in the Policies and Procedures section of the **ACEND website**. Annual fee invoices are typically prepared in September and due mid-December of the previous year; therefore, the 2025 Annual Accreditation Fee will be due in December 2024.

Program directors will receive an email from ACEND when annual fee invoices are ready in September 2024. There are two ways to access a program's open invoice:

- Log in into the **ACEND Portal** and click the "Pay Open Invoices" QuickPay link, under "Actions"
- Save the QuickPay Link separately and access it at any time without having to log into the ACEND portal. ACEND recommends sending this link to the person who pays program bills for future reference as the QuickPay Link will not change.

April 16, 2024 Town Hall

During the virtual town hall on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm CT ACEND will be highlighting the Didactic Programs in Dietetics (DPD) and their value in the dietetics education pathway. Dr. James Swain, PhD, RDN, LD, FAND, Associate Professor and Director of Case Western Reserve University DPD and Erin Norman, PhD, RDN, LMNT, Associate Professor and Director of Chadron State College DPD program will review current data supporting the importance of DPD programs for the RDN pathway and for the dietetics profession overall. The webinar will also provide guidance for DPD directors to increase support from their administration and to enhance student recruitment.

Click **HERE** to register.

Updated Guidance Information for the 2022 and Future Education Model Accreditation Standards Released

The Guidance Information Document for the 2022 and Future Education Model Accreditation Standards has been updated to provide clarification for several Required Elements. A list of the updates can be found on pages 3-4 of the document.

To access the updated **2022 Guidance Information Document** and **Future Education Model Guidance Document** along with the associated templates visit the **ACEND website**.



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