

# ACEND® Strategic Plan

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**Accreditation Council  
for Education in  
Nutrition and Dietetics**

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and Dietetics

### VISION

ACEND® is valued for advancing excellence in nutrition and dietetics education.

### MISSION

ACEND® ensures the quality of nutrition and dietetics education to advance the practice of the profession.

### VALUES

**Collaboration**—ACEND® board members acknowledge the power of working together in both the program review and the decision-making process to support nutrition and dietetics students' success.

**Accountability**—ACEND® board members, program reviewers and staff accept responsibility for assuring that ACEND®-accredited programs provide education and experiences that meet all accreditation standards.

**Respect**—ACEND® board members, program reviewers and staff treat all people with consideration, courtesy, and dignity.

**Ethics**—ACEND® board members, program reviewers, and staff conduct objective, fair, and unbiased program evaluations and demonstrate integrity and ethical behavior in all actions, behaviors, and interactions.

## MEASUREMENTS OF SUCCESS

Goals	Objectives
Elevate the quality of nutrition and dietetics education across the globe	80% agreement in quality assurance panel review consistency evaluation
	An average evaluation rating by program directors, administrators and reviewers of the site visit is 4.5 or higher on a 5.0 scale
	40% increase in accredited international programs
	Foster innovation by recognizing and promoting at least three programs that implemented a new pedagogy/practice related to ACEND® accreditation (e.g., curriculum, recruitment, admission, policies) each year
Promote opportunities for increasing diversity, equity, inclusion, belonging, and access in nutrition and dietetics education	A minimum of two presentations (e.g., town halls, webinars, FNCE) focusing on this goal to interested parties annually
	2% enrollment increase in underrepresented groups in ACEND® accredited programs based on annual report
Focus communication and collaboration to cultivate excellence in nutrition and dietetics	50% of program directors with a self-study due within two years complete in-person or online program director or program reviewer workshop training
	90% of program reviewers complete annual mandatory training
	A minimum of two presentations (e.g., town halls, webinars, FNCE) to practitioners on ACEND standards and activities each year
	A minimum of one presentation to interested parties on results from demonstration program project each year