

### **Recommended Licensure Language for DPD**

While state interpretations of statutes may vary, it is ACEND's belief that ACEND-accredited Didactic Programs in Dietetics (DPD) meet the didactic portion of course requirements for dietitian or dietetics licensure and certification in all states. However, completing an ACEND-accredited bachelor's program alone is not sufficient to qualify an individual for licensure or certification as a dietitian in any state. In addition to earning a bachelor's degree and meeting other state-specified requirements, individuals must also complete a supervised practice experience and pass a licensing exam. Consistent with current requirements of the Registered Dietitian credential, some states may also require initial dietitian licensure applicants to hold a master's degree as indicated in the [linked document](#) provided by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. ACEND references this document for general informational purposes only. Legal advice specific to your situation should be sought from a lawyer licensed in your state. ACEND does not take responsibility for any actions taken or not taken based on this document. Statutes, regulations and policies of state licensing agencies are subject to change; this information only reflects published statutes and regulations as of July 1, 2024. Individuals should review their state's licensing statutes and regulations to understand the specific requirements to obtain a dietetics or dietitian license. More information about state licensure and certification can be found at this link: [State Licensure](#).