

# 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

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### ACEND's Annual Review of Pass Rate

Annually in February, ACEND receives pass rate data from the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR). During its April Board meeting, the ACEND Board will review programs with three-year pass rate averages (2022-2024) on the CDR examination that are below the ACEND benchmark. Should your program's pass rate fall below the ACEND benchmark for the three-year pass rate average (2022-2024), as part of ACEND's annual monitoring process, the program may receive pass rate letter after the April ACEND Board meeting. However, keep in mind that ACEND understands the recent national decline in the CDR exam pass rate which has been significant and may be due to factors outside the program's control. As such, the ACEND Board continues to take a holistic approach when reviewing pass rate while monitoring programs to ensure success of our program graduates. If you have any questions, please contact [ACEND@eatright.org](mailto:ACEND@eatright.org).

### Update on Maximum Time to Complete Program Requirements

On Monday, February 10th, all ACEND-accredited program directors received an email from ACEND Executive Director, Rayane AbuSabha, about programs providing their students or interns with sufficient time to complete program requirements. Please refer to the email from [ACEND@eatright.org](mailto:ACEND@eatright.org) for detailed information.

### Competency Software One-on-One Training and

## Troubleshooting Sessions

ACEND encourages programs using the Competency Software to meet with Education Management Solutions (EMS) representative, Kat Devaney, for additional training or troubleshooting on the Competency Software. These meetings are limited to 45 minutes and aim to cover 1-2 topics related to specific software features such as setting up rubrics, importing a cohort, etc. **When booking a session, please provide the specific items you would like to discuss with EMS in the "Add any Special Requests" box or your appointment may not be accepted.** For a general overview or training of the software, please refer to our training materials on our [Competency Software Resources Webpage](#).

[Book Your Session](#)

## Upcoming Workshop covering the 2022 and Future Education Model (FEM) Accreditation Standards

The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®) will offer a virtual Accreditation Workshop on May 20 and 21, 2025. The workshop is designed to help dietetic education program directors and others learn the latest 2022 and FEM accreditation standards and specific details on how to prepare for self-study reports and site visits. Individuals with a site visit scheduled for 2025-2026, individuals interested in applying to start a new ACEND-accredited program, and newly appointed program directors, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please visit the ACEND website under [Program Director Workshops](#) for more information and to register for the upcoming virtual workshop in September.

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