

# 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

### Annual Overview of Accreditation Activities and Communications

With the new year starting, we'd like to remind programs about accreditation activities and ACEND communications that take place every year:

#### Accreditation Activities

- Annual Report—annually, due mid-November
- **Annual Accreditation Fee**—annually, due mid-December
- Interim Report or Progress Report—as needed, find due dates, if applicable on the **ACEND portal**
- **Substantive Changes**—as needed, see **decision calendar** for ACEND board decision-making timelines
- ACEND Policies Changes—keep up-to-date with ACEND announcements in the ACEND UPdate Newsletter

#### Communications

- **ACEND UPdate Newsletter**—new articles typically sent the 3rd Tuesday of the month
- **ACEND Townhall**- Quarterly

### ACEND Policy and Procedure Manual Revised December 2023

The **ACEND Policy and Procedure Manual** has been updated and posted to the

ACEND website. The changes to ACEND policies, which take effect immediately, include:

- Updates to the ACEND vision and values (Introduction)
- Revisions to the ACEND functions and responsibilities related to Title IV monitoring (Policy 1.2.A.2.c)
- Revisions to the ACEND complaint policy about programs (Policy 2.10).

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

The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®) will be offering a virtual Accreditation Workshop on February 22nd and 23rd, 2024. 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 in 2024-2025, 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 February.

## **March 8, 2024 DEI Webinar: *Empowering Dietetics Students Session 1-Revised Link***

ACEND® will be sponsoring a 2-part DEI webinar series this year presented by Ms. Tamara Melton, MS, RDN, LD, Co-founder and Executive Director of Diversify Dietetics. The first session, Empowering Dietetics Students: Navigating Microaggressions & Advocacy in Academic Settings, will be held on Friday, March 8, 2024 from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM CT. During the webinar, Ms. Melton will present several scenarios and case studies of microaggression and will provide tips and strategies on how to address each of the presented cases. The objective is to empower students, interns, faculty, and preceptors to respond appropriately when they experience or when they witness a difficult situation.

This webinar is intended for students/interns as well as educators, preceptors, and administrators and is currently pending CPE approval for 1.5 hours (Level 2) and will be recorded. Note, only attendees who participate in the live session are eligible to receive CPEs for this event. For additional information and to register for this event, please click **HERE** (Revised Link).

The second session of this two-part series is scheduled for November 19, 2024 as part of the November Town Hall.

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## Reminders and Deadlines

Compliance Audits are due January 19, 2024

- [2022 Standards Information](#)
- [FEM Standards Information](#)



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