

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

Competency Software Training and Q&A Webinars

To assist program directors with adopting the Competency software, ACEND and EMS host weekly 1 hour training and Q&A webinars on **Tuesdays at 1 pm CT**. Generally, the first 30 minutes will be reserved for a specific topic and the last 30 minutes will be reserved for Q&A. The webinars will be recorded and posted to the ACEND website.

- Competency for DPD Programs: July 16 | 1 – 2 PM (Central time) [Register](#)
- Building, Assigning, and Completing Rubrics: July 23 | 1 – 2:30 PM (Central time) [Register](#)
- Building, Assigning, and Completing Checklists (all program types except DPDs): July 30 | 1 – 2:30 PM (Central time) [Register](#)
- Building, Assigning, and Completing Patient Encounter Notes (all program types except DPDs): August 6 | 1 – 2 PM (Central time) [Register](#)
- Hours Tracking and the Competency App: August 13 | 1 – 2 PM (Central time) [Register](#)

Be sure to check the Competency Software Resources webpage and ACEND Update newsletters regularly for future training sessions and registration information. For specific questions about the software, please email Education@eatright.org.

July 23, 2024 Town Hall

During the virtual town hall on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm CT ACEND will continue to highlight the Didactic Programs in Dietetics (DPD) and their value in the dietetics education pathway. Didactic Programs in Dietetics have served as the first step in training future RDNs for decades and remain a critical part

of the preparation of future dietetics professionals. As entry to the profession has moved to the graduate level, new opportunities exist to reimagine DPDs to meet current needs of the profession. Dr. Beth Leonberg, DHSc, RDN, CSP, FAND, LDN, is Associate Professor and director of the DPD program at Drexel University in Philadelphia and will review alternative models for delivering DPDs, including graduate level DPDs and bridges to other master's programs, as well as opportunities to partner with dietetic internships to prepare RDNs for the future. Click [Here](#) to register.

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 September 26 and 27, 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 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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