

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

Required Element 7.3.d Recommended Website Update for DT, DI, CP, GP Programs

The ACEND Accreditation Standards require programs to publish “Information about the requirements and process to become a registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN), including education, supervised practice, passage on the CDR credentialing exam, and state certification/licensure, states for which the program meets State requirements for licensure/certification; and how the program fits into the process” (RE 7.3.d). It is recommended that programs add the statement,

- “While state interpretations of statutes may vary, it is ACEND's considered opinion that the program meets the educational requirements for dietetics licensure and certification in all states. However, completing an ACEND-accredited academic program alone does not qualify an individual for licensure or certification as a dietitian in any state. Individuals should review their state's licensing statutes and regulations to understand the specific requirements, including supervised practice and examinations, needed to obtain a dietetics license. More information about state licensure and certification can be found at this link: [State Licensure](#).”

Note at this time, this statement only applies to prospective students for Dietetic Technician Programs, Dietetic Internship Programs, Coordinated Programs and Graduate Programs. ACEND is currently working on a statement for prospective

students in Didactic Programs in Dietetics.

Dietetics Application Process Guidelines and Resources Now Available

Guidelines and resources addressing the new dietetics application process for supervised practice programs (DIs, CPs, GPs) are now available on the ACEND website for program directors [here](#) and for applicants [here](#). Materials include information for program directors, timelines and due dates, traffic rules, and a handout and Q&A for applicants that DPD programs and others can share with their students. The webpage will continue to be updated as additional materials are developed. If you have any questions about the dietetics application process contact education@eatright.org.

DPD Verification Statement Upload to REPs for CPs and GPs

If a graduate has completed a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) prior to entering into a Graduate Program (GP) or Coordinated Program (CP), the GP or CP program director must upload the student's DPD Verification Statement and include the DPD Program Code into the CDR REPs system. Completing this important step will allow the DPD to receive pass rate reports for the students who have successfully completed a GP or CP. Below is a screenshot of where this information is entered in the CDR REPs system. If you have any questions, please contact CDR@eatright.org.

Edit Candidate

Candidate's name must be entered identically to their government-issued photo identification.

ACAD / CDR ID	<input type="text" value="ACAD / CDR ID"/>	Completion Date	<input type="text" value="12/09/2020"/>
* Last Name	<input type="text" value="Test"/>	* Date of Birth	<input type="text" value="MM/DD/YYYY"/>
Middle Name / Initial	<input type="text" value="Middle Name / Initial"/>	* First Name	<input type="text" value="Test"/>
Prior Name	<input type="text" value="Prior Name"/>	Maiden Name	<input type="text" value="Maiden Name"/>
* Address Line 1	<input type="text" value="Address Line 1"/>	* Mother's Maiden Name	<input type="text" value="Mother's Maiden Name"/>
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Address Line 3	<input type="text" value="Address Line 3"/>		
* Country	<input type="text" value="UNITED STATES"/>	* State	<input type="text" value="-- Select States --"/>
* City	<input type="text" value="City"/>	* Zip	<input type="text" value="Zip"/>
* Primary Phone Country	<input type="text" value="UNITED STATES (+1)"/>	* Primary Phone / Type	<input type="text" value="Primary Phon"/> <input type="text" value="Ext"/> <input type="text" value="--Sel--"/>
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* Email Address	<input type="text" value="cdr@eatright.org"/>	* Confirm Email Address	<input type="text" value="cdr@eatright.org"/>
* Highest Degree Earned	<input type="text" value="-- Select Highest Degree Earned --"/>	* Verification Agency	<input type="text" value="-- Select Verification Agency --"/>
* Degree Date	<input type="text" value="MM/DD/YYYY"/>	* DPD Program Code	<input type="text" value="-- Select DPD Program Code --"/>
DPD Completion Date	<input type="text" value="MM/DD/YYYY"/>		

Upload Required Documents

Upload File No file chosen

Note: Please click the appropriate radio button to acknowledge that you have uploaded the required documents.

Document Type

Official/Primary Source Transcripts or Foreign Degree Equivalency Statement

CP Verification Statement

DPD Verification Statement (if your student completed a DPD, you must submit a DPD VS)

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.

Competency Software Training and Q&A Webinars

ACEND has implemented Competency, a competency tracking software, developed by Education Management Solutions (EMS). It is available to all accredited programs free of charge and is optional to use.

We understand there may be an initial learning curve with the features and adapting the software to fit your specific program type. To assist program directors, ACEND and EMS will be hosting weekly 1 hour training and Q&A webinars on **Tuesdays at 1 pm CT**. 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.

[Register here](#) and choose any of the following webinars you would like to attend:

- Building your Program Schedule and Adding Users: June 18th 1 – 2 PM CT
- Creating Items to be Mapped or Measured: June 25th 1 – 2 PM CT
- Rotation Management Part I: July 2nd 1 – 2 PM CT
- Rotation Management Part II: July 9th 1 – 2 PM CT

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

ACEND's New Doctoral Standards for the RDN Practitioner are Live

The new Advanced Practice Doctorate (APD) Standards for the RDN are now live on our [website](#). Please check the [April ACEND Update](#) for more information.

ACEND Introduces New Leadership Training

ACEND now offers leadership training resources on its [Training and Volunteer Opportunities webpage](#). Whether you are a seasoned leader or beginning your leadership journey, the curated free leadership training offerings provide program directors, program reviewers, and preceptors with tools to enhance their leadership skills.

Training offerings include:

- **Leadership Fundamentals:** Dive into the core principles of effective

leadership by identifying your strengths and limitations as a leader. Learn how to communicate as a leader and find joy in leading.

- **Negotiation Proficiency:** Negotiation is a critical skill for leaders. Explore successful negotiation techniques, understand salary negotiation, and review real-world negotiation scenarios.
- **Self-Advocacy Strategies:** As a leader, advocating for yourself is essential. Discover how to assertively communicate your value, set boundaries, and navigate career growth.



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