

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

Spring 2024 Dietetic Internship Match Data

Each spring, graduates of didactic programs in nutrition and dietetics (DPD) participate in a computerized match process run by D&D Digital for placement in dietetic internship (DI) programs. The results of the first round of the April 2024 computer match are available on the [ACEND website](#).

Key Points

- These results do not include applicants who matched in the second round or those who were accepted to Future Graduate (GP) programs, Coordinated Programs (CP) or Individualized Supervised Practice Pathways (ISPPS).
- There were 17% fewer participants in the Spring 2024 computer match compared to Spring 2023.
- As a result of a decline in DPD enrollment and several other factors including increased numbers of DPD graduates applying to Coordinated Programs (CP) and Future Education Model Standards Graduate Programs (GP), the spring match rate has steadily improved. 86% of applicants were matched to a dietetic internship in Spring 2024.

Note: With the Spring 2024 being the final match through the D&D Digital Matching service, ACEND wanted to remind program directors that the ACEND and D&D Digital contract ends on **June 15, 2024**. This means that after June 15, 2024, data normally obtained from D&D Digital will no longer be available including matching data and match/no match lists. If you need any data related to computer matching after that date, you can reach out directly to D&D Digital at info@dnddigital.com; however, there will be a cost to programs associated with obtaining that data.

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.

Share Your Noteworthy Practices with Other Educators

Congratulations to the University of Saint Joseph Dietetic Internship! The program was selected as one of the noteworthy dietetics practices among the ACEND-accredited programs.

If you would like your noteworthy practice to be reviewed by ACEND's Review Committee and possibly be selected for the next quarter, please visit the ACEND's Noteworthy Practice Page [here](#) to download the submission form.

Noteworthy practices in the following topic areas are requested: Activities, practices, and/or processes that promote DEI, Preceptor Recruitment and Recognition, Interprofessional Education, Curriculum (i.e. simulation, review process, integrated experience) and Program Improvement (i.e. data collection, technology, pass rate).

Please submit the completed submission form and supporting documentation to ACEND@eatright.org by one of the upcoming due dates: **July 19, 2024 and October 18, 2024.**

If your noteworthy practice is chosen next quarter, the practice will be posted to the ACEND website and in the ACEND Update newsletter.

ACEND Competency Software Launching Tuesday, May 28, 2024

ACEND is excited to announce that the *Competency* software (formerly known as *Competency.AI*) will be accessible to all ACEND-accredited programs beginning **Tuesday, May 28, 2024.**

ACEND implemented this software based on requests from program directors for

assistance with streamlining competency tracking. The system is available to all accredited programs free of charge, and it 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, as is the case with most competency tracking software. Programs are encouraged to take their time to fully implement the system. To assist programs, ACEND developed several trainings for program directors, preceptors, and students that are posted on the [Competency Software Resources](#) webpage. Additionally, we are hosting a series of kick-off meetings to introduce the software and answer any of your questions:

- Thursday, May 30th 12 – 1 PM CT | Register [here](#)
- Monday, June 3rd 11 – 12 PM CT | Register [here](#)
- Friday, June 7th 11 – 12 PM CT | Register [here](#)

Be sure to check the [Competency Software Resources](#) webpage regularly for additional training sessions and registration information. For specific questions about the software, please email Education@eatright.org.



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