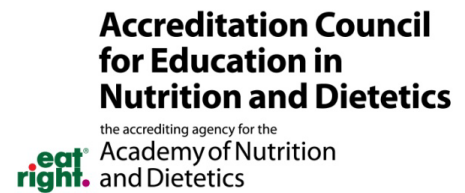

ACEND Virtual Town Hall Meeting
April 18, 2023, 11:00 a.m. Central Time

Host: Rayane AbuSabha, PhD, RD
ACEND Executive Director
Presenter: James Swain, PhD, RD, LD, FAND
Chair, ACEND Board



Webinar Recording Link
<https://vimeo.com/819572862>

Below are the questions that were not able to be answered during the live town hall.

I received different feedback on the topic of in-person settings and telehealth during a recent ACEND Program Director training. We were informed that if the dietitian was seeing patients via telehealth and the intern was joining the telehealth session then the intern is joining the provider in their work setting. Can you clarify?

- Onsite is defined as intern/student and preceptor are in the same physical location. For example, telehealth can be considered on site if the preceptor and student/intern are in the same location; however, if they are all virtual, this would not be considered onsite.

Just to clarify my previous question - are you saying the programs can decide if a specific rotation is a "major" rotation or not? Is there any criteria that you would use to determine this? e.g. # of hours? # of CRDNs evaluated? And does telehealth count as "in-person" if the intern and the preceptor are meeting directly with clients on zoom, even though they are not sitting in the same room together? I feel like this policy is moving backwards as so many of our community and private practice partners are moving to hybrid schedules and telehealth services.

- Major rotations are defined by the program; however, acute care clinical rotation must always be one of the rotations. The majority (greater than 50%) of the professional work settings hours in the major rotations must be completed onsite. Onsite is defined as intern/student and preceptor are in the same physical location. For example, telehealth can be considered on site if the preceptor and student/intern are in the same location; however, if they are all virtual, this would not be considered onsite.

Could you give any update to the possible change in the match process?/What will be replacing match process?

- At this time, there is not a replacement for the match as the match will continue to function until a decision is made. If this changes, ACEND will notify all programs including those who participate in the match. The ACEND Board will be discussing this topic and possible next steps, i.e. a task force, at a future board meeting and will update programs as updates are available.

Will there be follow-up training for EMS?

- ACEND will be pilot testing the Competency AI software (not an EMS) this Fall with a plan to launch in Spring 2024. At that time, ACEND will provide training materials for programs who wish to use this software.

Rayane and James thanked all attendees (154 participants). The call ended at 12:05 pm CT.



Welcome to the ACEND Virtual Town Hall

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James Swain,
PhD, RD, LD, FAND

ACEND Board Chair

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Objectives



- Provide ACEND updates and announcements
- Provide an overview of ACEND's webinars and trainings
- Answer questions

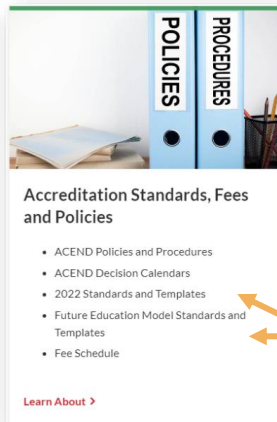
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ACEND Updates and Announcements

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Accreditation Standards Guidance Documents



Revised versions of the guidance documents for the:

- 2022 Standards
- Future Education Model (FEM-GP) Standards

Available on the ACEND web pages

Standards, Templates and
Guidance Documents

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Updates from the U.S. Department of Education (USDE)

- Any program that offers any didactic course in whole or in part through distance education must submit a substantive change to ACEND.
- ACEND will send a message to programs when action is needed

Due to COVID-19 flexibilities,
Do NOT submit any
documentation at this time.

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ACEND Board Approved Competency Assessment Software for ACEND Programs

- Competency A.I. competency assessment software
- Pilot system in 2023; 2024 launch
- Access to all ACEND-accredited programs
- Comprehensive features including LMS integration
- No charge outside technology fee incorporated into the annual fee

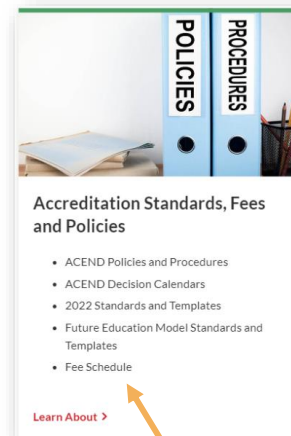


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2024 Annual Fees Incorporate Substantive Changes and Other Fees

After June 1, 2023, programs will no longer pay:

- substantive changes
- program director (PD) changes,
 - access to Standards Webinar series for new PDs
 - Discount to attend one ACEND PD Workshop
- 2.5% credit card processing fee



The 2024 annual fee is \$2,680 due 12/2023

Fee Schedule

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ACEND Annual Report Timeline - 2023

Will be released:
September 2023

Deadline:
November 17, 2023

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Advanced Practice Doctoral Standards



- Under development
- ACEND Expanded Standards Committee
 - Chair: Kendra Kattelman
 - ACEND Fellow: Jody Vogelzang

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**DEI Training Webinars for Program Faculty, Students and Preceptors to Meet 2022 and FEM Standards
Presented by Dr. Francoise Knox Kazimierczuk**



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Clinical Skills Hands-On Workshop

**Workshop to address KRDN 3.4 and CRDNs 3.3-3.6
FEM-GP: RE 3.2e1-4**

Saturday, June 17, 2023
University of the Pacific,
Sacramento, CA

FNCE October 7, 2023
Regis University, Denver, CO

Information to be posted on ACEND website under
Training and Resources

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Program Director Workshops and Trainings

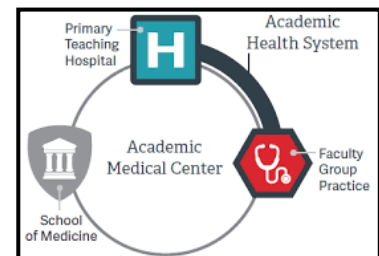
- Recorded Workshop on 2022 and FEM Accreditation Standards (4.5 CEUs)
- Recorded Competency Based Education Training—presented by Leanne Worsfold (5 CEUs)
- In-person Accreditation Workshop for 2022 and FEM Standards planned pre-FNCE in Denver



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Title IV for Higher Education – Federal Student Aid (FSA)

- **Free-standing DI Programs:** ACEND-accredited DI programs located in hospitals, county boards of health, other health facilities, school systems, and existing business entities or publicly- or privately-held corporations.
- **DIs located in higher education institutions are not free-standing DIs:**
 - Colleges
 - Universities
 - Academic Medical Centers and other institutions accredited by educational accretor: HLC, Middle States, NECHE, NWCCU, SACSCOC, WSCUC, ACCJC



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Title IV for Higher Education – Federal Student Aid (FSA)

- **Title IV Programs of the Higher Education Act:** Provides for the authorization of loans and grant programs to students.
 - Terminology: Federal assistance loans, federal student aid (FSA), Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Direct loans, Direct PLUS loans, Stafford loans, etc.
 - The institution must be an “eligible” institution under Title IV.

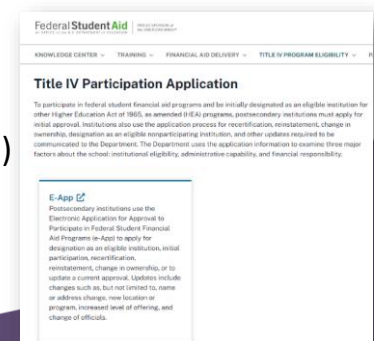


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Title IV for Higher Education – Federal Student Aid (FSA)

ACEND Accredited Free-standing DI Programs:

- May be eligible to access Title IV federal funding
- To be eligible, must satisfy the program integrity triad:
 1. State authorization
 2. Accreditation (such as ACEND accreditation)
 3. Certification by the Department of Education (ED) of 1 and 2 above in addition to financial and administrative responsibilities



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Title IV for Higher Education – Federal Student Aid (FSA)

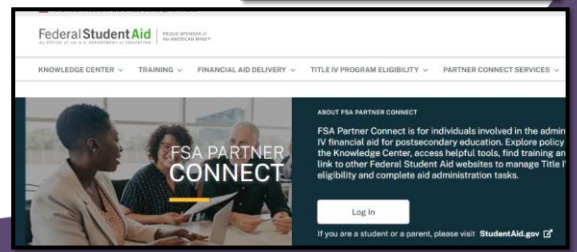
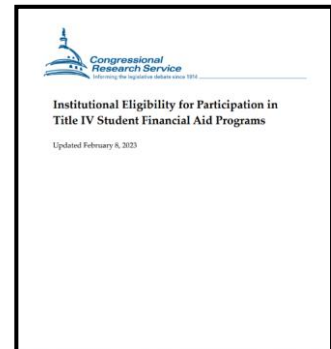
ACEND is unable to support programs in determining eligibility. Please contact your FSA office for more information

For a place to start,

- Read: <https://sgp.fas.org/crs/misc/R43159.pdf>

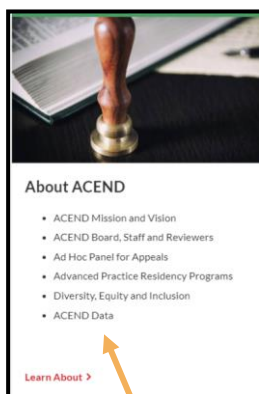
Congressional Research Service - *Institutional Eligibility for Participation in Title IV Student Financial Aid Programs*;
Updated February 8, 2023

- Visit: <https://fsapartners.ed.gov/home/>



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ACEND Programs Enrollment, Diversity, and Match Data



ACEND Data

- Posted on ACEND website under ACEND Data – Article in *ACEND Update*
- 8.3% fewer enrolled students/interns reported in 2022 compared to 2021
- For 2023, of 3,274 DI openings available, only 1,382 (42%) were filled through the match
 - 1,892 (58%) positions were still available after the match

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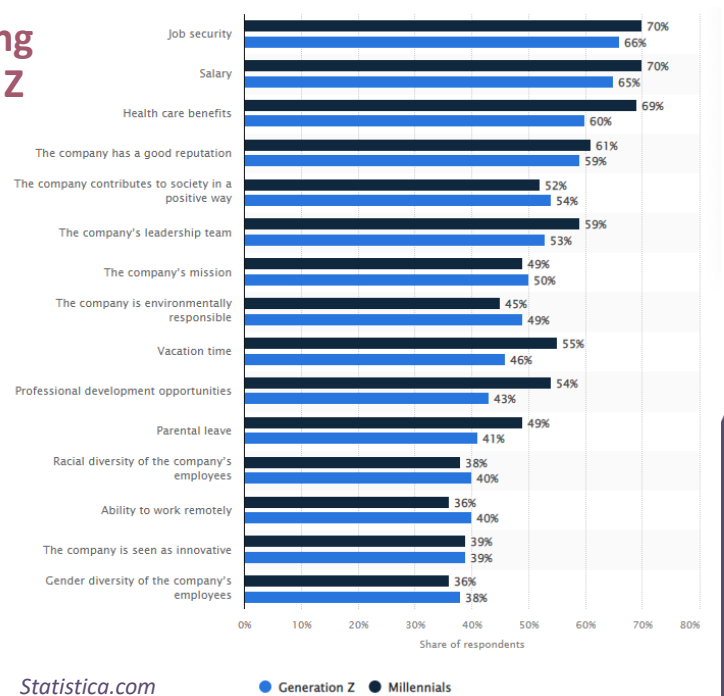
ACEND Programs Enrollment, Diversity, and Match Data Nutrition and Dietetics Profession

- While salary is important, it is not the only determinant for selecting a profession
- Dietetics profession has many positives:
 - Variety of work environments
 - Many career options and opportunities
 - Ability to move roles and positions
 - Flexible schedules
 - Variety of day-to-day work
 - Ability to take a break, parental leave
 - Typically, a supportive and collegial environment
 - Projections of growth (11% through 2030)

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Leading Factors when Choosing a Job for Millennials and Gen Z

Dietetics positions meet the majority of the desired factors by the new generation!



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ACEND Programs Enrollment, Diversity, and Match Data Positives of the Profession

- *"These professionals often encounter several benefits and a few difficulties unique to their jobs."* Indeed.com

Be proud of this profession and relate this pride to inspire your current and incoming students.

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USDA NIFA Grants to Establish Graduate Programs in Nutrition and Dietetics

- Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship Grants
- Masters and doctoral training in nutrition and dietetics
- Students from underrepresented groups
- Application deadline is **June 8**
- **Read the [National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship Grants funding opportunity](#)**

https://www.nifa.usda.gov/grants/funding-opportunities/national-needs-graduate-postgraduate-fellowship-grants-program-funding-opportunity?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=



NIFA FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship Grants Program

Graduate student working in greenhouse, courtesy of Adobe Stock.

The National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship Grants Program supports training students for master's and doctoral degrees in food, agricultural and natural resource sciences; and Special International Study or Thesis/Dissertation Research Travel Allowances for eligible USDA National Needs Fellowship beneficiaries. Awards are specifically intended to support traineeship programs that engage outstanding students to pursue and complete their degrees in USDA mission areas. Application deadline is June 8. For more information, read the [National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship Grants funding opportunity](#).

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Clinical Skills Hands-On Workshop

Saturday, June 17, 2023

University of the Pacific,
Sacramento, CA

Registration now open!

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Communication from ACEND

- **ACEND Update**
 - Monthly update from ACEND posted on the website
- **Virtual Town Hall**
 - Next town hall: Tuesday, July 18, 11:00 am – 12:00 noon CT
 - Directions for joining on the ACEND website
- **ACEND Staff**
 - 800-877-1600 x5400
 - acend@eatright.org

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