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Standards Committee Update

ACEND has two standards projects occurring concurrently. One is the review of the current 2012 Standards, which is required every five years by the US Department of Education. Educators are asked to comment on the 2012 Standards at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ACENDStandards2012. ACEND recently released recommendations for a new model of education for preparation of future nutrition and dietetics practitioners which includes preparation of a generalist dietitian nutritionist at the master’s level, elevating the preparation of nutrition and dietetics technicians to the bachelor’s level and preparing a community nutrition and health assistant at the associate’s degree level. To learn more visit the ACEND Standards Committee webpage on the ACEND website. The webpage includes the Rationale Document, a webinar, and a Frequently Asked Questions information guide about the recommendations. Comments on these recommendations are being accepted at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/educmodel2015.

5-Year Pass Rate Reports and Data

In mid-February, Pearson VUE, the company that now administers the credentialing examination for dietitians and dietetic technicians, emailed program directors a link to access 2014 pass rate reports. We are aware that there are some discrepancies with these reports. CDR is working with Pearson VUE to resolve the discrepancies and provide corrected reports by late March. You will receive more information from CDR and Pearson VUE when the updated reports become available. Although most programs’ pass rate reports may be accurate, you are encouraged to use the revised report to evaluate your program’s pass rate.

Because of the transition from ACT to Pearson VUE, previous registration exam data could not be transferred from ACT to Pearson VUE. Program directors will need to keep copies of their 2013 Program’s Summary of Candidate Testing Report for five-year, first-time and one-year pass rate data received from ACT in February 2013, and should enter the data into the table below, along with the Pearson VUE data to calculate their program’s five-year pass rates. The table can be found on the program director portal. Once you enter the portal, click on the following sequence: Library: Pass Rate: Tools: Calculating Pass Rate Table.

Access to the Pearson VUE site will be for a limited time period, so programs are encouraged to save a copy of the reports onto their computer and/or files to have for future reference. The table should be updated when you receive your next pass rate report.
If you have questions about accessing your reports contact CDRProgramReport@Pearson.com. Contact Elaine Butler, with CDR, if you have questions about your report data at ebutler@eatright.org, or 1-800-877-1600 x4859.

Contact ACEND staff if you have questions about completing the table or ACEND’s pass rate monitoring policy.

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Changes to Standards – June 1, 2015 Revisions to the Guidelines for the 2012 Standards

The following revisions to the ACEND Guidelines were approved by the ACEND board in April 2013 and will be implemented June 1, 2015. We recommend that you begin to implement any necessary changes to your program now so you will be in compliance by June 1, 2015. Programs are expected to be in compliance during any program review that occurs after June 1, 2015.

Guideline 14.1

b. Curriculum review should must use results of the student learning and program outcomes assessment processes to determine strengths and areas for improvement.

c. Curriculum review should must include assessment of comparability of educational experiences and consistency of learning outcomes when different courses, delivery methods (such as distance education) or supervised practice sites are used to accomplish the same educational objectives.

d. Curriculum review should must result in actions to maintain or improve student learning.

Guideline 20.1

b. Students/interns should must be assessed for their ability to be successful in the program and dietetics profession.

c. The program’s system of monitoring student performance should must provide for the early detection of academic difficulty.

d. The program should must have progression policies that take into consideration professional behavior and academic integrity.
Guideline 21.1
a. Students should be advised to submit complaints directly to ACEND only after all other options with the program and institution have been exhausted.

Guideline 22.1
Information about the program must include at least the following:
   i. Availability of financial aid and loan deferments (federal or private), scholarships, and other monetary support, if applicable. (DE, DPD, TE only – IP changed 7/31/2013)

Discussions at Spring NDEP Regional Meetings
Representatives from the ACEND board and staff will participate in several sessions at the 2015 NDEP Regional Meetings to answer questions and to listen to NDEP member concerns. We anticipate a lively discussion that will enable participants to achieve the objectives below, and much more:

- Summarize initiatives from ACEND that may have an impact on educators and the profession
- Introduce recommended changes to educational preparation in nutrition and dietetics education
- Recognize stakeholder input in the review and revision of education standards

Accreditation staff will be available at the regional meetings to NDEP members and answer questions to assist programs. Board members and staff are scheduled to attend the following meetings:

March 15 - 17  Area 1: Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California
               Maxine McElligott (Board Member)
               Joan Straumanis (Board Member)
               Mary Gregoire (Staff)
               Mary Ann Taccona (Staff)
               Lauren Florian (Staff)

March 26 - 27  Area 2 & 5: Bloomington, Minnesota
               Shyamala Ganesh (Board Member)
               Mary Gregoire (Staff)
               Mandy Kalway (Staff)

April 09 - 10  Area 6 & 7: University Park, State College, Pennsylvania
               Anne Kendall (Board Member)
               Jamie Erskine (Board Member)
               Mary Gregoire (Staff)
               Janine Ricketts-Byrne (Staff)

May 01 - 02   Area 3 & 4: Denver, Colorado
               Merievelyn Stuber (Board Member)
               Wanda Eastman (Board Member)
               Mary Gregoire (Staff)
               Joan Vogt (Staff)
2015 Outstanding Dietetic Educator Award Winners
The Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award recognizes the teaching, mentoring, and leadership activities of faculty and preceptors in dietetics education programs that are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics. The selection of awardees is determined by the Nutrition and Dietetic Educators and Preceptors Group. Congratulations to these Outstanding Educators:

Area 1— Kasuen Mauldin, PhD, RD, Didactic Program in Dietetics, San Jose State University
    Michelle Morris, PhD, RD, Dietetic Internship Program, California State University-Chico
    Anne Lund, MPH, RD, Coordinated Program in Dietetics, University of Washington

Area 2— Ardith Brunt, PhD, RD, Didactic Program in Dietetics, North Dakota State University
    Erin Bergquist, MPH, RD, CNSC, LD, Dietetic Internship Program, Iowa State University
    Elizabeth Hilliard, MS, RD, LRD, Coordinated Program in Dietetics, North Dakota State University
    Krista Jordheim, MPH, RD, Dietetic Technician Program, Normandale Community College

Area 3— Patricia Marincic, PhD, RD, LD, CLE, Didactic Program in Dietetics, Auburn University
    Barbara Grossman, PhD, RD, LD, Dietetic Internship Program, University of Georgia
    Linda Knol, PhD, RDN, LDN, Coordinated Program in Dietetics, University of Alabama

Area 4— Alena Clark, PhD, MPH, RD, CLC, Didactic Program in Dietetics, University of Northern Colorado
    Gail Gates, PhD, RD, FAND, Dietetic Internship Program, Oklahoma State University
    Heidi Wengreen, PhD, RD, Coordinated Program in Dietetics, Utah State University

Area 5— Melanie Burns, PhD, RDN, Didactic Program in Dietetics, Eastern Illinois University
    Julie Schumacher, EdD, RD, LDN, Dietetic Internship Program, Illinois State University
    Colleen Spees, PhD, MEd, RDN, FAND, Coordinated Program in Dietetics, The Ohio State University
    Sharon Doughten, MS, RDN, Dietetic Technician Program, Cuyahoga Community College

Area 6— Martine Scannavino, DSHc, RD, LDN, Didactic Program in Dietetics, Cedar Crest College
    Nyree Dardarian, MS, RD, LDN, CSSD, FAND, Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway, Drexel University
    Helenkay Smith, MS, RDN, LDN, Dietetic Technician Program, Community College of Allegheny County

Area 7— Georgia Chavent, MS, RDN, Didactic Program in Dietetics, University of New Haven
    Julia Robarts, MS, MPH, RD, LDN, Dietetic Internship Program, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
**National Preceptor Month**

April is fast approaching, which means, so will the third annual National Preceptor Month. For the past two years, National Preceptor Month has been a huge success. We would like to thank everyone who got involved and helped us thank our preceptors all across the U.S.

National Preceptor Month is an occasion to recognize and thank the practitioners who make the time and effort to create the next generation of professionals by teaching students in their workplace. In order to help recognize the importance of preceptors and participate in National Preceptor Month, we are asking program directors to take a little time to thank their preceptors and encourage their students to do the same. Keep in mind that it’s important to thank preceptors who took the time to teach and mentor students not just during National Preceptor Month, but also throughout the year. We are all very excited about the upcoming events so make sure to keep an eye out for more information on National Preceptor Month in April and begin to plan your events and many ways to say thanks to your preceptors! For more information on National Preceptor Month or Preceptor Recruitment, contact Lauren Florian at lflorian@eatright.org.

**Spring 2015 Internship Computer Match**

The spring 2015 computer match deadline was Sunday, February 15, 2015 at 11:59 pm Central Time. As was reported in the August 2015 ACEND Update, the NDEP Second Round Task Force Committee developed recommendations to improve the existing second round selection process. One of the recommendations has resulted in a change in the computer match calendar. **Matched applicants will now have 24 hours to accept a match.** Matching results will be available Sunday, April 12, 2015 beginning at 6:00 pm Central Time and on Monday, April 13, 2015, matched applicants must contact the Dietetic Internship Director before 6:00 PM (time zone of the program) to confirm acceptance of their appointment. Once the notification period is over, DI directors with available openings will be allowed time to invite unmatched applicants they originally entered on the list submitted to D&D Digital to attend their program. Non-matched applicants will have access to the list of DI programs with openings at 11 am (Central Time) the Thursday after the match. Another Task Force recommendation is that DI Directors adhere to the recommended second round match timeframe and post their second round selection procedures on their website prior to the first round match in the event they have open slots at the end of the first round match. Dietetic Internship Directors, take time now to review your website to be sure accurate and up-to-date information about your program is posted. **Additional Second Round Task force Recommendations include:**

- DI directors are encouraged to rank all qualified applicants when submitting list to D & D Digital
- DPD directors will have access to the match/no match list the same day as the DI directors.
- DI directors are encouraged to use DICAS to obtain and review applicant materials in the second round selection.
- DI directors are encouraged to accept second round applications until 12 noon (Central Time) 10 days (Wednesday) after match day. DI directors may begin inviting applicants into their DI program after 11 am (Central Time), 11 days (Thursday) after match day.
Program Directors Workshops
Price: $400

The Program Director workshops are designed to help dietetic education program directors learn the latest accreditation standards and specific details on how to prepare for self-study reports, program assessment reports, and site visits under the 2012 ACEND accreditation standards. Interactive sessions will cover plans for pass rate improvement, how to conduct a self-study process, and how to work with ACEND staff and reviewers. Opportunities will be available for networking and for staff to answer questions about your reports. Individuals interested in applying to start a new ACEND program as well as newly appointed program directors are welcome and encouraged to attend. 12.5 hours (Level 2) CPU credit available for attendance.

Dates: July 30-31, 2015 – Chicago, Illinois
           November 9-10, 2015 – Chicago, Illinois

For more information, please call (312) 899-0040, extension 5400 or visit the Program Director Portal to download the registration form.

New Program Director Webinars

ACEND has developed two webinars to help new program directors get acclimated to the accreditation process and being a program director of an ACEND-accredited program. You are strongly encouraged to view ACEND’s New Program Director webinars. The webinars are designed to answer many of the questions new program directors have. The first webinar, Part A, was released in June 2014 which covered information on ACEND accreditation and the responsibilities of a program director. You can locate the webinar here: https://eatright.webex.com/eatright/ldr.php?RCID=b1f02126d0dd70ebb383aaf3550cc2a7

The second webinar, Part B, which was released in December 2014, reviews the features of the ACEND portal and website. The second webinar can be viewed by clicking the following link: https://eatright.webex.com/eatright/ldr.php?RCID=831a7fc314d2467a51fcea606fc98c33

You can also access the webinars via the ACEND portal. Once you enter the portal click on the following sequence: Communities: Accreditation Forum: Library: Topics: Training & Media: New Program Director Webinars. If you have any questions, please email us at acend@eatright.org.


The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Coding and Coverage Committee is proud to announce that the Coding and Billing Handbook: A Guide for Program Directors and Preceptors is now available and ready for use with dietetic interns. This tool (free to Academy members, $40 for non-members) includes vocabulary, sample case studies, recommended resources and other materials for use in supervised practice programs to help interns achieve competency in coding and billing for nutrition services. The content may also help RDNs new to coding and billing for MNT services to set up and implement processes in both health care facilities and private practice. Download your copy today at www.eatright.org/shop.
Current Review Cycle
One-year notice letters were mailed out to programs who are scheduled to have site visits in 2016. Due to the current review cycle timeframe changing from a ten-year review cycle to a seven-year process and the change in frequency of ACEND board meetings each year, some programs site visit timeframes have changed.

ACEND Fees Update
To maintain quality standards and a rigorous accreditation process as required by USDE and be self-sustaining, the ACEND Board reviewed fees beyond 2014 and voted to increase several of the fees effective June 1, 2015. The new fee schedule also includes a credit card processing fee for those who make accreditation payments with a credit card, a fee for submitting a substantive program change and late fee applied for late submission of reports. The current fee schedule is available on the Program Director portal and the Academy’s website or click on the link: www.eatright.org/ACEND.

Academy Foundation Research Grants for Students --Deadline to Apply April 1, 2015
Please promote the following research grants with an April 1 st deadline to dietetic students. Apply now for the following Academy Foundation Research Grants:

Amy Joye Memorial Research Award
This grant is given to honor the memory of Amy Joye by fostering the scientific development of future nutrition leaders, especially in South Carolina and Georgia. Applicants are required to work with a mentor whose projects involve human research and focus on: Obesity prevention/weight control, Dietary assessment methodology to investigate/enhance accuracy of dietary reports or Fruit/vegetable gardens. Grant amount: $5,000.

Ann A. Hertzler Research Grant
This grant is given to provide funding for research proposals based on the Academy's Research Agenda for Dietetics. Grant amount: $5,000

Colgate Palmolive Fellowship in Nutrition, Oral Health/Dental Education
This grant is given to support research in nutrition and oral health or dental education. Grant amount: $15,000. Non-US residents may apply.

Herbert D. and Nylda Gemple Research Grant
This grant is given to encourage the development of and excellence in innovative and unique models to study the correlation of diet and nutrition in treating neurological disorders. Grant amount: $5,000

Jean Hankin Nutritional Epidemiology Research Grant
This grant is given to provide financial support to a doctoral student working on a dissertation in the area of nutritional epidemiology. Grant amount: $5,000
Julie O'Sullivan Maillet Research Grant
This grant is given for a research project that aims to demonstrate the value of dietetics professionals on the health of the public or demonstrate the evolving role of dietetics professionals in the profession. Grant amount: $1,000

McCormick Science Institute Research Award
This grant is given to provide funding for research proposals based on the Academy's Research Agenda for Dietetics. Current topic: Understanding the role of spices and health. Grant amount: $5,000

Vegetarian Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group Research Grant
This grant is given for innovative research relating to vegetarian nutrition to an individual who has been a member of the Vegetarian Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group for at least two years. Grant amount: $5,000

For more information or to access the applications, please visit, http://www.eatright.org/Foundation/content.aspx?id=6921. Questions may be directed to 800/877-1600, ext. 4767 or adonatell@eatright.org.

ACEND Accreditation Decisions
ACEND reviews applications and make accreditation decisions based on each education program’s ability to meet ACEND Accreditation Standards. Accredited programs as of March 2015:

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Visit the ACEND Portal for Forms and the most up-to-date information
The latest accreditation documents and forms such as verification statements, PARs, Self-Study Report templates, and standards documents are available on the ACEND Portal.

Finding Information on the ACEND Portal
To log into the portal:
1. Go to the ACEND home page at www.eatright.org/ACEND,
2. Find the Program Director Portal area on the right hand of the screen.
3. Click “Log in and Learn More.”
4. Enter your email address and password
   OR
1. Go directly to the portal at http://education.webauthor.com
If you are a program director and need a new password, please call (312) 899-0040 X 5400 or email ACEND@eatright.org.
2014-2015 Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

The ACEND board is the governing unit of ACEND which grants final accreditation awards. ACEND is composed of a board of 15 members, a group of appointed peer reviewers, and staff members. Further information and the 2014-2015 Board members are available online.

ACEND Staff Contacts

ACEND staff members are available to provide consultation, guidance and support on meeting ACEND’s accreditation standards, policies and procedures. Please email ACEND@eatright.org, ISPP@eatright.org or call (312) 899-0040 extension 5400. Normal business hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Central Time, Monday through Friday. A list of ACEND staff is available online.

If you have questions about an article in this issue of the ACEND Update, ACEND or its activities, please contact the ACEND staff at ACEND@eatright.org. The ACEND Update is provided as a service to all ACEND-accredited programs. Please feel free to use portions of this newsletter along with an acknowledgment (see below) to inform your students, faculty, practitioners, administrators, and other program stakeholders:

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