Updates on 2017 Accreditation Standard Revisions
The ACEND Board approved the following revisions to the 2017 Accreditation Standards during the January 24-26, 2018 meeting:

Standard 3: Program Mission, Goals and Objectives
- Required Elements 3.3 and 3.4 (program-specific and ACEND-required objectives)
  - have been merged into one Required Element 3.3
  - Clarified two components:
    - 3.3.a Program-Specific Objectives
    - 3.4.b ACEND-Required Objectives
- 3.3.b Added: Data on all ACEND-required objectives must be evaluated annually using an average of data from the previous three years.
- 3.3.1 Requires the following verbiage for all program types: “At least 80% percent of program students (DI, CP, DPD, DT, FDE, IDE) or interns (DI) complete program/degree requirements within _____ years or months (DI) (150% of program length)”.
- 3.3.2 Requires the following verbiage: “Of graduates who seek employment, ____ percent are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months”. (DI, CP, DPD w/ISPP, DT, FDE, IDE)
- 3.3.b.2 Requires the following verbiage: “____ percent of program graduates apply for admission to a supervised practice program prior to or within 12 months of graduation”. (DPD)
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- 3.3.b.3 Requires the following verbiage: “____ percent of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists (DI, CP, DPD w/ISPP, IDE) or nutrition and dietetic technicians (DT) within 12 months of program completion”.
- 3.3.b.3 Requires the following verbiage: “The program’s one-year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%” (DI, CP, DPD, IDE) or “nutrition and dietetic technicians is at least 70% (DT).”

Standard 4: Program Evaluation and Improvement
- Required Element 4.1.g Added: Data on ACEND-required objectives are to be collected annually.
- Required Element 4.2 Added:
  - 4.2.c The target set for program specified and ACEND required objectives are met.
  - 4.2.d Program changes have been made to improve outcomes for any objectives(s) not meeting the program-specified or ACEND-required targets.
Standard 5: Curriculum and Learning Activities

- The order of Required Elements 5.1 and 5.2 were reversed.

These changes will become effective on July 1, 2018. Program directors are expected to be compliant with these changes by July 1, 2018. To view the changes tracked in the standards click here.

Standards Revisions – Key Points

- The five ACEND-required objectives must be stated exactly as they are shown in the Standards. (No statement of “over a 3 year period” or “over a 7 year period”, etc.)
- For the five ACEND-required objectives, programs must report data annually using a 3-year rolling average from the last 3 years.
- The Program Evaluation Plan will have in the G column (Actual Outcomes) data reported for each year since the last accreditation review; each year is the average of the previous 3 years.
  - For example, if the first year of the accreditation cycle is 2015, then the first year of data will be the average of 2013, 2014 and 2015; the second year of data will be 2014-2016; the third year will be 2015-2017, and so on.
- The program-developed objectives (those that are not ACEND-required) can be evaluated over a timeline set by the program. The number of years of data will depend on the timeline set by the program.
- The Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) are not affected by this 3-year rolling average. The SLOs can be evaluated based on a timeline set by the program. This timeline has to be within the requirements of the standards.

Interpretations of 2017 Standards

Standard 1, Required Element 1.5 Program Director Position Description

The program director position description must include the amount of time allocated for program management. However, if the program director is allotted 100% of their time for program management, the time allocated does not have to be listed in the formal position description.

Additionally, the program does not have to include all responsibilities listed within Required Element 1.5 verbatim in a position description. To be in compliance, the position description may either list all of the responsibilities or have a statement that the program director is responsible for all responsibilities required by ACEND.

Standard 5, Required Element 5.1 Curriculum Map

The programs can and, where appropriate, should identify more than one course or rotation in the curriculum map that covers each KRDN, CRDN, KNDT or CNDT. These designations on the curriculum map must align with the rotation description or course syllabi. This assists programs in demonstrating progression of learning if the same KRDN, CRDN, KNDT or CNDT is covered in an early course or rotation and repeated later in others.

Self-Study Reports

Now that Jura software is used for submission of self-study reports, the Self-Study Report template will no longer be available in Microsoft Word versions on the ACEND website.
Survey: ACEND Communications with Program Directors
ACEND Staff would like to collect feedback from program directors about how ACEND communicates standards updates, events and other general information. You can complete the survey at this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TGWF8BHC. ACEND Staff will be reviewing the results of this survey in order to assess whether we need to update our communication methods to better serve our stakeholders. We would appreciate your input by Wednesday, March 21, 2018, if possible. Thank you in advance for providing this feedback!

Discussions at Spring NDEP Regional Meetings
Representatives from the ACEND Board and Staff will participate in several sessions at the 2018 NDEP Regional Meetings to answer questions and to listen to NDEP member concerns. Updates will be provided and input obtained. ACEND Board and Staff are scheduled to attend the following meetings:

| March 8 - 9  | Western Region: Albuquerque, New Mexico | Wanda Eastman (Board Member)  
|             |                                     | Mary Gregoire (Staff)  
|             |                                     | Lauren Bozich (Staff)  
|             |                                     | Cheryl Williams (Staff)  
|             |                                     | Mandy Kalway (Staff) |
| April 19 - 20 | Central Region: St. Louis, Missouri | Chris Hartney (Board Member)  
|              |                                      | Mary Gregoire (Staff)  
|              |                                      | Lauren Bozich (Staff)  
|              |                                      | Mary Ann Taccona (Staff)  
|              |                                      | Amy Anichini (Staff) |
| March 22 - 23 | Eastern Region: Charlotte, North Carolina | Sharon Schwartz (Board Member)  
|               |                                       | Mary Gregoire (Staff)  
|               |                                       | Lauren Bozich (Staff)  
|               |                                       | Elise Cowie (Staff)  
|               |                                       | Rayane AbuSabella (Staff) |

Spring 2018 Nutrition and Dietetics Internship Computer Match
Computer matching results will be available Sunday, April 8, 2018 beginning at 6:00 pm Central Time and on Monday, April 9, 2018 matched applicants must contact the Nutrition and Dietetics Internship (DI) Director before 6:00 PM (time zone of the program) via phone, FAX or email to confirm acceptance of their appointment.

On Tuesday, April 10, 2018, beginning at 6:00 am Central Time, DI programs with openings may access the list of unmatched applicants who have given permission to release their name and additional information. DI directors with available openings may invite unmatched applicants that they originally entered on their list submitted to D&D Digital to attend their program on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. These appointments must be confirmed by 8:00 pm Central Time on Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

Non-matched applicants will have access to the list of DI programs with openings at 11 am (Central Time) Thursday, April 12, 2018. DI Directors are encouraged to accept second round selection applications through DICAS. Program Directors should clearly communicate the application and
process for review and acceptance into their programs on their website. Program Directors can determine when they will review and accept applicants into their program.

For a more information about computer matching and the complete computer matching calendar visit: Computer Matching

**Program Directors Workshops**

**2017 Accreditation Standards**
The Program Director workshops are designed to help nutrition and dietetics 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 2017 ACEND Accreditation Standards. Interactive sessions will cover plans for program improvement and how to prepare for a self-study report/site visit or Program Assessment Report (PAR). Opportunities will be available for networking and for ACEND Staff to answer questions about your reports. Individuals interested in applying to start a new ACEND program accredited under the 2017 ACEND Accreditation Standards as well as newly appointed Program Directors are welcome and encouraged to attend; 12 hours (Level 2) CPE credit available for attendance.

**Workshop Dates:**
- March 15-16, 2018 – Academy Headquarters, 120 S Riverside Plaza Suite 2190, Chicago, IL
- October 19-20, 2018 – Washington, D.C. at FNCE®

**Future Education Model Accreditation Standards**
This workshop is designed to help Program Directors and others interested in the ACEND Future Education Model Accreditation Standards learn about the standards and specific details on how to submit an application to be a demonstration program, prepare self-study reports and host site visits. Interactive sessions will cover the accreditation standards, how to conduct the self-study process and how to work with ACEND Staff and Reviewers. Individuals interested in applying to be a demonstration program, those with a site visit scheduled and those interested in learning more about the ACEND Future Education Model Accreditation Standards are encouraged to attend; 12 hours (Level 2) CPE credit available for attendance.

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To obtain more information on these workshops, visit the ACEND website [here](#).

**Future Education Model Demonstration Program Applications**
In December 2017, ACEND issued a call for applications for the second cohort of Future Education Model demonstration programs. These applications are due by 11:00 am Central Time on Monday, April 16, 2018. A call for the third cohort of demonstration program applications is expected to be issued in April 2018.
New Program Director Webinar Now Available
The New Program Director webinar is designed to provide new program directors of ACEND-accredited programs information about the principles of ACEND accreditation and program director responsibilities. The webinar also reviews the resources available for program directors. One (1) CPE unit is awarded for viewing the webinar and completing a short survey. For more information and to view the webinar visit the ACEND website here.

Share Your Noteworthy Practices with Other Educators
ACEND is continuing to identify Noteworthy Dietetics Practices among the ACEND-accredited programs. ACEND would like to congratulate the following programs that were chosen based on their noteworthy practices in dietetics education!

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Visit the ACEND Website here to view the programs’ noteworthy practices!

If you would like your noteworthy practice to be reviewed by ACEND’s Review Committee and possibly selected for the next quarter, please visit the ACEND website here to download the submission form. Please submit the completed submission form and supporting documentation to ACEND@eatright.org by Friday, April 13th. Noteworthy practices in the following topic areas are requested: Preceptor Recruitment and Recognition, Interprofessional Education, Curriculum (e.g. simulation, review process, integrated experience) and Program Improvement (e.g. data collection, technology, pass rate). If your noteworthy practice is chosen next quarter, the practice will be posted to the ACEND website and in the ACEND Update in May 2018.

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

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. 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. Now is the time to begin to plan your events and many ways to say thanks to your preceptors. Also 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. For more information on National Preceptor Month or Preceptor Recruitment, contact preceptor@eatright.org
RDN and NDTR 2017 Revised Scope/Standards of Practice are Published
The Revised 2017 Scope of Practice and the Revised 2017 Standards of Practice in Nutrition Care and Standards of Professional Performance for both the RDN and the NDTR have been published in the January 2018 and February 2018 *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*.

All articles are open to credentialed nutrition and dietetics practitioners, students, interns and the public and are available online on the Elsevier website and Academy webpages: www.eatrightpro.org/scope and www.eatrightpro.org/sop.

The revised documents reflect updates in professional advancement and changes impacting practice such as:
- CMS regulation related to RDN hospital ordering privileges and delegated orders and requirements in long-term care for RDNs and NDTRs;
- Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation (IMPACT) Act of 2014, which delineates discharge planning and transitions of care;
- National efforts to address malnutrition; and
- New practice focus areas outlined such as Coaching, Global Health and Telehealth.

Practitioner inquiries regarding scope/standards of practice may be referred to: quality@eatright.org.

Exam Preparation - Registration Examination for Dietitians and Dietetic Technicians
The Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) publishes two study guides; *Study Guide for the Registration Examination for Dietitians* and *Study Guide for the Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians* Both study guides include a comprehensive study outline, references and practice examinations (hard copy and online versions). The online version has been designed to simulate the actual computerized examination. The comprehensive study outline provides a listing of all topics that one can be tested on. Your students can use the reference list provided to plan their review using the appropriate text books. You may want to encourage your students not to sell their text books immediately upon graduation as they should be used for exam review and can be utilized later in practice.

The study guides can be purchased from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics’ website here or by calling 800-877-1600, Ext. 5000.

CDR does not endorse any particular preparation program or offering. We encourage prospective credentialed practitioners to use a variety of resources that reflect their learning styles and needs. Some review courses provide hundreds of questions that test one’s knowledge recall, but do not support more in-depth studying. The registration examinations determine one’s readiness to practice and therefore, a significant number of items are application-based, versus knowledge-based. Purchasing an examination preparation product is NOT required and CDR does not guarantee that an individual will pass based on the purchase of an examination preparation product.
Pearson VUE Examination Summary Reports
This is a reminder that the Pearson VUE January - December 2017 ACEND Summary of Candidate Testing report and July - December 2017 six-month examination summary reports are available for you to review on CDR’s Registration Eligibility Processing System (REPS). To view your reports, log into REPS using the same login and password you use when submitting classes for review.

If you forgot your REPS Login, Password or Access Code, please use the “Forgot Password” function or contact CDR to have them resent; (Peggy Anderson, panderson@eatright.org or Rebecca Beavers, rbeavers@eatright.org). If you have questions or concerns regarding the accuracy of the reports, please contact Elaine Butler, CDR Manager; (ebutler@eatright.org or 800-877-1600, ext. 4859).

The Academy Foundation 2018 scholarship application is available!
The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation is excited to announce that its 2018 scholarship application is now open! The Foundation is the largest provider of dietetics scholarships, providing funding to deserving students at all levels of study. Scholarships are funded by individual donors, the Academy’s state and regional dietetic associations, dietetic practice groups, and Foundation partners. In 2017, the Foundation awarded over 230 students with scholarships ranging from $500 to $10,000.

Lacey Harter, RD, the 2017 recipient of the Nutrition and Dietetics Educators and Preceptors Scholarship, had this to say about receiving support: “This scholarship from the Foundation will enable me to pursue my dream of teaching at the university level, and ultimately help to develop the dietetic profession through education and mentoring.”

Scholarships are available for students at all levels of study, including those enrolled in undergraduate programs, NDTR programs, dietetic internships, and masters and doctoral programs. The deadline to apply is Monday, April 23. Please visit the scholarship page on the Foundation’s website for more details and to access the online application or email scholarship@eatright.org with questions.

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 February 2018:

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Accreditation Manager Assignments by State

ACEND welcomes Dr. Rayane AbuSabha to the ACEND team and has made some changes in the ACEND Staff contact for Program Directors. Please refer to the chart below to find the state in which you are located, and contact ACEND Staff assigned to your state whenever you need assistance.

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2017-2018 Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

The ACEND Board is the governing unit of ACEND which grants final accreditation awards. The ACEND Board is composed of 15 members. A group of Program Reviewers and ACEND Staff assist the Board in its work. Further information and the 2017-2018 Board members are available online.

ACEND Staff Contacts

ACEND Staff 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 link below) to inform your students, faculty, practitioners, administrators, and other program stakeholders.

ACEND Update (February 2018) and past issues of the ACEND Update can be found here: ACEND Update