Spring 2018 Internship Computer Match Results
Data from the April 2018 dietetic internship match are now available. Total available internship positions increased by 13% or 423 additional positions over last year with 115 or 2% fewer applicants participating this match cycle. 669 positions went unfilled during the first round match, resulting in a 62% first round match rate for April 2018 compared to 56% first round match in April 2017.

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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. The following were included in the February 2018 UPdate Newsletter although 3.3.b.2.2 was missing the words “of graduation” after “within 12 months.” The corrected version is included here:

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.b.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.b.2 Requires the following verbiage: “Of graduates who seek employment, _____percent
are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation”. (DI,
CP, DPD w/ISPP, DT, FDE, IDE)
• 3.3.b.2.1 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)
• 3.3.b.2.2 Requires the following verbiage: “___ percent of program graduates are admitted to
a supervised practice program within 12 months of graduation”. (DPD)
• 3.3.b.3.a 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.b 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:
  o 4.2.c The target set for program specified and ACEND required objectives are met.
  o 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.

To view the changes tracked in the standards click here. The implementation date for revisions is July
1, 2018. Programs are expected to be compliant with these changes but do not need to submit any
documentation to ACEND to show compliance. By updating them programs will be collecting the
required data for their next self-study report.

Standards Revisions – Key Points
• The ACEND-required objectives that include statements in “” must be stated exactly as they
are shown. (No added statement of “over a 3 year period” or “over a 7 year period”, etc.)
• For the ACEND-required objectives, programs must report data annually using a 3-year rolling
average from the last 3 years.
• The Program Evaluation Plan template has been revised and is posted on the ACEND website.
  In the G column (Actual Outcomes) data are reported for each year since the last accreditation
  review; each year for the ACEND-required objectives is the average of the previous 3 years.
    o 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.

Future Education Model (FEM) Standards
ACEND is beginning the demonstration program project for the Future Education Model Accreditation Standards. For Cohort 1, 19 programs are currently under review. Cohort 2 demonstration program applications were received in April, 2018 and applications for Cohort 3 are due January 11, 2019 at 11 am CT. For more information watch the webinar posted at: www.eatrightpro.org/FutureModel, attend the upcoming FEM Accreditation Standards Program Director workshop or contact ACEND at futuremodel@eatright.org. ACEND has begun to accredit programs under the Future Education Model. Information about the programs can be found on the ACEND website.

Policy and Procedure Manual – Updated
ACEND has recently updated the Policy and Procedure Manual. Be sure to refer to the April 2018 edition of the Policy and Procedure Manual that is located on the Policy and Procedure page of the ACEND website. While most of the policy updates deal with ACEND’s procedures the updates that relate to program management include:

• Policy 4.8 - Emergencies and Disasters- describes the process an accredited program should follow if an emergency or disaster impacts the program’s ability to operate

Need for DPD or FDE Verification Statement prior to starting a DI
Students admitted to a Dietetic Internship (DI) must have completed a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) or Foreign Dietitian Education program (FDE) and earned at least a bachelor’s degree from a US regionally accredited college/university or foreign equivalent. To verify this, DI directors must receive an official signed DPD or FDE verification statement and confirmation of degree conferred before any intern starts the internship. The verification statement found in DICAS is not an official verification statement. For more information see page 49 of the Guidance Information for ACEND 2017 Accreditation Standards.

Change in Pearson VUE ACEND Summary of Candidate Testing Report
ACEND is working with the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) and Pearson VUE to change the ACEND Summary of Candidate Testing Report. Currently the data in the section “Testers Within One Year of First Attempt” is based on the year the candidate took the exam for the first time. Categorizing the data in this way has resulted in the report having incomplete data for the most recent year in this section. Starting with the reports to be issued in 2019, the data in the “Testers Within One Year of First Attempt” section of the report will be based on the year in which the candidate’s one year (from first time taking the exam) time period ends (rather than begins as it is currently). Making this change will result in the report always having complete data for each year reported.
State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA)
The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) is a voluntary agreement between states that "establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance-education courses and programs." SARA was created by a non-profit group, the National Council of SARA, in collaboration with a number of stakeholders in the higher education field, to address the issue of interstate distance education. The SARA standards apply to distance programs offered between an institution in a SARA state and a student in another SARA state.

Programs that include remote supervised practice may find the following information useful when dealing with potential supervised practice sites out-of-state. Click on this link and then click on the Interstate Distance Education Authorization Fact Sheet.


CDR – Important Examination Reminders
REPS Submissions
In order to facilitate efficient and accurate candidate submissions, a Registration Eligibility Process System (REPS) FAQ can be found on CDR’s website here. This document addresses questions regarding documentation requirements and system use. In addition, the following reminders address the most common reasons submissions are returned to program directors for review:

- All Verification Statements (VS) contain two dates; the date the program requirements were completed and the date the program director signed the VS. In REPS, the completion date you are being asked for is the date all program requirements were completed and not the date the VS was signed.
- The completion date on the Didactic Programs in Dietetics (DPD) VS cannot pre-date the date the individual's degree was granted. Completion of a minimum of a bachelor’s degree is required for DPD completion.
- Students with foreign degrees must have their degree evaluated by an approved foreign degree evaluation agency. This evaluation report will be the documentation program directors upload in REPS to verify the student has completed the degree requirement. A list of approved agencies can be found here.

Program directors are encouraged to use the most current CDR forms (which can be found on the REPS dashboard in the Forms section or here). ACEND’s current VS form can also be found in the Forms section of REPS or on ACEND’s Program Director Portal. In addition, program directors should ensure that the name they enter into REPS for a student is their full, legal name as it is shown on their government-issued, photo ID.

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:**
- October 19-20, 2018 – Washington, D.C. at FNCE®
- February 18-19, 2019 – Chicago, IL

**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.

**Workshop Dates:**
- October 19-20, 2018 – Washington, D.C. at FNCE®
- February 28-March 1, 2019 – Chicago, IL

To obtain more information on these workshops, visit the ACEND website here.

**Share Your Noteworthy Practices with Other Educators**
ACEND has continued to identify Noteworthy Dietetics Practices among the ACEND-accredited programs and is highlighting its first selection of the year. ACEND would like to congratulate the following programs that were chosen based on their noteworthy practices in dietetics education! Visit the ACEND Website here to view the program’s noteworthy practices!

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requested: Preceptor Recruitment and Recognition, Interprofessional Education, Curriculum (i.e. simulation, review process, integrated experience) and Program Improvement (i.e. 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 newsletter.

**Outstanding Preceptor Award Winners, 2018**

These awards, funded by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation, are intended to recognize preceptors for vital contributions they have made to the profession. ACEND would like to congratulate the following Outstanding Preceptor Award winners.

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<td>Abby Wood, MS, RDN, CSO, LD, CNSC, Clinical Dietitian Specialist, Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, TX</td>
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<td>Beth Switzer, MS, RDN, CD, Director, Hendricks County Extension, Purdue Extension, Indianapolis, IN</td>
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<td>Diane Tremble-Ball, MS, RDN, LD, Clinical Nutrition Manager, Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL</td>
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<td>Anne Marie Rivard, MPH, RD, CSR, CDN, Clinical Dietitian, Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT</td>
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<td>Patricia Miller, MS, RDN, CSP, LDN, FAND, Director of Nutrition, Kennedy Krieger Institute (KKI), Baltimore, MD</td>
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**Outstanding Dietetics Educator Awards, 2018**

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:

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<td>Carin Kreutzer, EdD, MPH, RDN, FAND, University of Southern California, CA</td>
<td>Beth Blake, MPH, RD, Orange Coast College, CA</td>
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<td>Karen Beathard, MS, RD, LD, FAND, Texas A&amp;M University, TX</td>
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<td>Aida Miles, MMSc, RDN, LD, LMNT, FAND, University of Minnesota, MN</td>
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<td>Carrie Hamady, MS, RD, LD, Bowling Green State University, OH</td>
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<td>Adrienne A. White, PhD, RDN, University of Maine, ME</td>
<td>Tina Dugdale, MS, RDN, RN, CD-N, University of Saint Joseph, CT</td>
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<td>Laura J. Acosta, MS, RDN, CSSD, LDN, University of Florida, FL</td>
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New Appointments to the ACEND Board

Effective on June 1, 2018, Christine A. Hartney, MS, RD, CNSC, LDN will be assuming the position of Chair of the ACEND Board and Wanda A. Eastman, PhD, RDN, LD will become the Past Chair. The following individuals are in new positions on the ACEND Board:

- Janet Johnson, MS, RD, LD – Vice Chair, ACEND
  Senior Clinician, Didactic Program, Department of Food Science and Nutrition, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
- Nancy Prange, MS, RDN, LDN – Dietetic Internship (DI) Representative-elect,
  Director, Dietetic Internship, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois
- Long Wang, PhD, RD, FAND – Didactic Program (DPD) Representative-elect,
  Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences and Coordinator, Doctoral Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway, California State University, Long Beach, California
- Janet Hiser, MOE, RD, CNSC, CDN – Program Representative at Large-elect
  Regional Clinical Manager, Morrison Management Specialists, Danbury, Connecticut
- Darrin Schmidt, NDTR, FAND – Practitioner Representative, NDTR-elect
  Director of Nutrition and Food Services, Okmulgee Memorial Hospital, Okmulgee, Oklahoma
- Miriam E. Troutner, MS, RDN, CNSC – Practitioner Representative, RDN
  Nutrition Clinical Coordinator, Mercy Medical Center Dubuque/Dyersville and Clinton, Dubuque, IA
- Jessica Kassel – Student Representative-elect
  Student, Didactic Program in Dietetics, Fontbonne University, St. Louis, Missouri

The ACEND Board wishes to acknowledge and thank the following board members who are leaving the board:

- Sharon Schwartz – Past Chair
- Jamie Erskine – Didactic Program (DPD) Representative
- Carina Chiodo – Student Representative-Elect

The ACEND Board also wishes to acknowledge and thank the following reviewers whose terms will end May 31, 2018. We appreciate your dedication and contribution to the field of nutrition and dietetics education!

Audrey Anastasia, DrPH, RD, LND, CDE, FAND  Sara Elnakib, MPH, RD
Joan Rupp, MS, RDN  Sharon Schwartz, MS, RD, LDN
Alison St. Germain, MS, RD, LD  Jyotsna Sharman, PhD, RD, FAND
Elizabeth Vargo, MS, RD, LDN  Alicia Thomas, MS, RD, LD
Laurie Conteh, MS, RD, LDN  Anne Lund, MPH, RDN

Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

ACEND is composed of a Board, a group of appointed peer reviewers, and staff members. The ACEND Board is the governing unit of ACEND, which grants final accreditation awards. Further information is available online here.
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 May 2018:

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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:

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