Associate Membership

Academy members have access to extensive benefits, including the Evidence Analysis Library®, professional publications, networking opportunities and preferred pricing on resources and conferences. Associates practice in a wide variety of fields related to food, culinary and school nutrition, health care, sports and fitness, agriculture, and biochemistry and microbiology.

If you can answer YES to any of the questions below, you qualify for Academy membership in the Associate category:

Do you hold a bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral degree from a U.S. regionally accredited college/university in agriculture, biochemistry, computer science, family and consumer science, home economics, hospitality and tourism, hotel restaurant and institutional management or microbiology?

Do you hold a valid U.S. license or certification in one of these specified professions?
- Certified Culinary Professional®
- Certified Dietary Manager, Certified Food Protection Professional (CDM, CFPP)*
- Certified in Comprehensive Food Safety (CCFS)*
- Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)*
- Certified Midwife (CM or CMN)
- Certified Professional—Food Safety (CP-FS)*
- Certified Sports Medicine Practitioner*
- Clinical Psychologist (LCP or CP)
- Clinical Social Worker (CSW, LSW or LCSW)
- Dental Hygienist (BS-DH, RDH or LDH)*
- Dentist (DDS or DMD)
- Nurse Practitioner (NP)
- Occupational Therapist (OT)
- Pharmacist (RPh or PharmD)
- Physical Therapist (PT)
- Physician (MD or DO)
- Physician Assistant (PA)
- Registered Environmental Health Specialist or Registered Sanitarian (REHS or RS)
- Registered Nurse (RN)*
- School Nutrition Specialist (SNS)*
- Speech-Language Pathologist (CCC-SLP)

Verification documents you will need to submit:
- Requires submission of original transcripts or confirming statements from the registrar, including major concentration for the qualifying degree.
- Proof of license, training or certification in one of these specified professions is required. For those marked * proof of a related degree is also required.*

Member Benefits

Access Information and Community
Access a variety of scientific and practice-based resources to keep you on the cutting-edge of food, nutrition and dietetics, such as:

Evidence Analysis Library® (EAL®)
This web-based tool provides members free access to research, evidence-based nutrition practice guidelines, toolkits and educator modules.

Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
The Academy’s flagship publication is the premier source for information on the practice and science of food, nutrition and dietetics. Access is free to all Academy members.

Food & Nutrition Magazine®
The Academy’s award-winning digital magazine emphasizes breaking news and trends in nutrition, diet, health, culinary arts, food service, sports nutrition, fitness, integrative nutrition, food safety and other professional services. Available online and emailed to members, Food & Nutrition also delivers practice tips, as well as resources for professional and personal growth.

Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo™ (FNCE®)
Receive preferred pricing at the Academy’s annual conference where members gather to connect with peers and broaden their professional skills. This event offers over 130 educational sessions covering the hottest topics including behavioral and mental health, cutting-edge practices in diabetes management, diversity and cultural competence, and nutrition throughout the life cycle.

Dietetic Practice Groups (DPGs)
Join one or more of the Academy’s many professional interest groups and enhance your specialized knowledge, share practice tips and establish relationships with colleagues from all over the world, including:
- Food and Culinary Professionals (FCP)
- Management in Food and Nutrition Systems (MFNS)
- Nutrition Informatics (NI)
- Oncology Nutrition (ON)
- School Nutrition Services (SNS)

“...All organizations are made up of people who share a vision of that organization. The value of Academy membership is that members collaborate on projects, within the society or through work, and that act of sharing builds community and purpose. Passion feeds passion.”

Deanna Pucciarelli, PhD
Joined in 2001