

NDEP Public Member

Position Description

The NDEP Public member is appointed to represent the public and bring perspective to NDEP Council discussions regarding matters associated with nutrition and dietetics education and training, protection of the public, and advancement of the profession of nutrition and dietetics.

Term of Office

Appointed by the NDEP Council Chairs upon recommendation and with the approval of majority voting NDEP Council members to serve a two (2) year term as a voting member of the NDEP Council.

Eligibility for Office

The public member:

1. Shall have personal knowledge of the practice of nutrition and dietetics in education and practice settings held by educators, practitioners, and preceptors, as well as an understanding of the mission and goals of NDEP.
2. Will be free of any conflict of interest that would violate any applicable law, regulation, or policy associated with his/her own profession as well as those of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
3. May not be credentialed in the practice of nutrition and dietetics by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR).
4. Will not be a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in any capacity, or of any other committee, board, or council associated with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics or any of its organizational units or Dietetic Practice Groups.

Time Commitment

The position of Public Member requires a time commitment of approximately 2-3 days each year to travel to and attend the NDEP Council meeting at FNCE in October. Additional time is required for monthly NDEP Council conference calls, appropriate committee meetings, review of materials, and other relevant professional meetings as requested by NDEP Chairs.

Responsibilities

1. The public member shall develop his/her understanding of the education, training, and work of Registered Dietitians and Registered Dietetic Technicians in settings associated with the practice of nutrition and dietetics.
2. The public member will prepare for and participate in the work of NDEP Council and its initiatives as well as committee/task force assignments as requested by NDEP Chairs.
3. The public member will represent and promote the best interests of the public in in his/her work with NDEP Council regarding all matters associated with nutrition and dietetic educators, practitioners, preceptors, NDEP members, dietetic interns, and nutrition and dietetic students.