The Academy represents more than 100,000 credentialed practitioners—RDNs, NDTRs, other dietetics and nutrition professionals and students.

Organizational Structure

Leadership

Board of Directors

The BOD sets and monitors strategic direction for the organization and profession; provides program and fiscal oversight; sets policies and standards; approves public policy, regulatory and legislative agenda; and advocates on behalf of the organization and the profession.

Committees and Councils

Sub-committes

A smaller, deliberative group of members assigned by the Board of Directors to the BOD with the support and guidance of the BOD and the Board of Directors.

Task Forces

A temporary group of members assigned a specific activity or project by the Board of Directors.

Report to the Board of Directors

ANDPAC

Regulated by the Federal Elections Commission, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Political Action Committee supports candidates seeking election or re-election in support of the Academy’s legislative and public policy priorities.

House of Delegates

The HOD identifies environmental trends; deliberates emerging professional issues; approves guiding documents for professional practice; oversees Academy bylaws; and establishes qualification for membership and dues structure.

Organizational Units

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation

The only charitable organization devoted exclusively to promoting nutrition and dietetics, the Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. A separate legal entity, the Foundation is funded 100% through donations and does not receive any portion of Academy member dues.

Dietetic Practice Groups & Member Interest Groups

DPGs and MIGs are groups of Academy members with a common interest. DPGs are centered on specialty areas of practice and MIGs focus on the diverse characteristics of Academy members and the public they serve.

Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics®

ACEND is the accrediting agency for education programs preparing students for careers as registered dietitian nutritionists in nutrition and dietetics, as registered dietitians in various private practice settings, and as nutrition and dietetics professionals working in governmental and related agencies.

Commission on Dietetic Registration®

The credentialing agency for the profession, CDR establishes and enforces standards for certification, recertification and the Code of Ethics and issues credentials to individuals who meet these standards.

Affiliates

Local affiliate dietetic associations are geographically affiliated organizations of the Academy. Affiliates exist for 50 states, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia and the Academy’s international affiliate, consisting primarily of any Academy member who works or lives outside the United States. Affiliates are separate legal entities.

Nutrition and Dietetics Educators and Preceptors

NDEP advocates for and empowers educators and preceptors to lead the profession of nutrition and dietetics. NDEP’s vision is to optimize higher education for current and future professionals in nutrition and dietetics. 5

5 Although organizational units of the Academy, ACEND and CDR have administrative autonomy.

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