

Crosswalk of 2027 Coordinated Program (CP) Standards with FEM Accreditation Standards For Graduate Programs (GP) in Nutrition and Dietetics

Terminology changes throughout the standards include changing 'partnership' to 'consortium' and 'supervised experiential learning' to 'supervised practice'

Graduate Programs now classified as Coordinated Programs with 2027 Standards

1. Program Characteristics and Resources		
2027 CP Standards/Topic	Location in FEM Standards	Key Changes
1.1 Program location	1.1	Reworded to add the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as an alternative to USDE recognition.
1.2 Organization structure	1.2	Reworded to change organization to institution.
1.3 Program resources	1.3	- Content reorganized. - Added requirement for "support of upper-level administration" (1.3.a). - Reworded budgeting process requirement to reflect input by program director into that budgeting process (1.3.c.1). - Added stand-alone requirement for sufficient supervised practice sites (1.3.f).
1.4 Degree/verification awarded	1.4	Moved specified major course of student for the graduate degree from Guidance document to Standards.
1.5 Program director requirements & responsibilities	1.5	- Added program director responsibility for "authority to evaluate and manage financial resources" (1.5.b.4). - Added program director must ensure compliance with the Traffic Rules of the Dietetics Application Process during recruitment (1.5.b.5.a). - Added training requirements for program director (1.5.b.6.h). - Revised minimum degree level of the program director (1.5.c.1). Existing directors with a master's degree are permitted to remain in their current position. - Added minimum required FTE allotment for program leadership tied to maximum enrollment (1.5d.1). - Changed wording from "manage"/"management" to "lead"/"leadership" throughout to emphasize a leadership role.
1.6 Program length	1.6	Reworded to remove requirement around integration (1.6).

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		• Reworded to specify minimum hours in professional work settings and clarify requirements around alternate hours (1.6.a). • Added requirements around location of hours (1.6.a.1). • Added ability of supervised practice hours completed in the Diet Technician Option of an Associate Program may be assessed for prior learning (1.6.a.2). • Added requirement for clinical, community, and foodservice rotations (1.6.b.1). • Moved high-acuity exposure from Guidance document to Standards (1.6.b.2). • Changed requirement for majority of hours onsite from in major rotations to clinical rotations (1.6.b.3).

2. Program Mission, Goals, Objectives, and Program Evaluation and Improvement

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2.1 Program Evaluation Plan, mission, goals and objectives	2.1	• Reworded Graduate Employment objective to move the 'at least' to the front and reference "survey respondents who report seeking employment" rather than "graduates who seek employment" (2.1.c.1.b). • Removed Employer Satisfaction objective (FEM 2.1.c.1.d).
2.2 Evaluation evidence	2.2	• Moved FEM 2.2.d to 2.3.a.
2.3 Use of plan	2.2, 2.3	• Relocated 2.2.d to 2.3.a.

3. Curriculum, Learning Activities, and Competency Assessment

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3.1 Curriculum assessment	4.1	• Moved from FEM RE 4.1. • Added transition timeframe for adoption of curriculum.
3.2 Curriculum map	3.1	• Relocated without changes.
3.3 Learning activities	3.2	• Condition list expanded to add critical illness and removed redundancy by using neurological disorders instead of developmental, intellectual, and behavioral health conditions (3.3.b.1). • Clarified various populations with lifespan/population detail (3.3.b.2). • Moved learning activities for clinical skills to competencies and performance indicators (FEM 3.2.d).

4. Curriculum Evaluation and Improvement

2027 CP Standards/Topic	Location in FEM Standards	Key Changes
4.1 Curriculum review	4.2, 4.3	• Consolidated FEM 4.2 (data documentation) and 4.3 (curriculum review) into one required element.

5. Faculty and Preceptors		
2027 CP Standards/Topic	Location in FEM Standards	Key Changes
5.1 Faculty requirements	5.1, 5.2, 5.4	- Separated faculty and preceptors into different required elements (FEM 5.1). - Consolidated FEM 5.1 (faculty adequacy), FEM 5.2 (faculty requirements and training), and FEM 5.4 (feedback) into one required element. - Added requirements: - For at least one full-time faculty member, in addition to the program director, must hold the RDN credential (5.1.a.1). - Orientation to include competency-based education (5.1.a.4) - The Nutrition Care Process component of the curriculum must specifically be taught by an RDN (5.1.a.6).
5.2 Preceptor requirements	5.1, 5.3, 5.4	- Separated faculty and preceptors into different required elements (FEM 5.1). - Consolidated FEM 5.1 (preceptor adequacy), FEM 5.3 (preceptor requirements and training), and FEM 5.4 (feedback) into one required element. - Added requirement for orientation to include competency-based education (5.2.a.2).
6. Supervised Practice Sites		
2027 CP Standards/Topic	Location in FEM Standards	Key Changes
6.1 Site requirements	6.1	- Added requirement: - For policies to be written (6.1.a). - Issuance of written affiliation agreements must be the responsibility of the program, not the student (6.1.b.3).
6.2 Student-identified	New	Entirely new Required Element to clarify expectations.
7. Information to Prospective Students and the Public		
2027 CP Standards/Topic	Location in FEM Standards	Key Changes
7.1 Meeting regulations	7.1	No changes.
7.2 Required program information and source of all information	7.2, 7.3	- Consolidated FEM's separate 7.2 (source and general accuracy) and 7.3.a–l (required information) into a single Required Element 7.2 with lettered sub-items a–l. - Outcomes-data statement now must include program contact information (7.2.c).

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		- Cost disclosure expanded into three distinct sub-items: tuition/institutional fees; program-specific costs (course fees, drug testing, lab coats, membership fees); and variable costs (books, transportation, housing) (7.3.e). - Added information on the Dietetics Application Process and Traffic Rules (7.2.g). - Prior-learning disclosure is simplified (7.3.l).

8. Policies and Procedures for Enrolled Students

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8.1 Program policies	8.1, 8.2	- Consolidated and reorganized FEM 8.1 and 8.2. - Minor rewording for clarity. - Added requirement to "ensure all students are treated with dignity and respect by program faculty and preceptors" (8.1.a.2). - Added default maximum time to complete program requirements/receive a verification statement is now specified as "no less than five years" in the absence of an institutional policy (8.1.e.2). - Added requirement for policy for securing geographically accessible sites for students (8.1.g.1).