

ACCREDITATION FEE SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE June 2026

ANNUAL FEE*	ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE PER CALENDAR YEAR		
<p>The annual fee applies to all domestic (continental U.S. states and districts, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico) and international programs** that hold candidate, full or probationary accreditation. In general, ACEND® invoices programs for the annual fee in September for the upcoming calendar year and the deadline for payment is in December.</p> <p>New programs granted candidate accreditation are assessed a prorated annual fee after accreditation is granted.</p> <p>For consortium/partnership programs, the annual fee covers the program fee for one institution plus a \$300 Web listing fee for the second institution. Both institutions will be listed separately on ACEND's Web site. Note: starting January 2027, the web listing fee will be \$350.</p>		One Program at One Site	Consortium/ Partnership (One Program at Two Sites)
	January 1, 2026	\$2,830	\$3,130
	January 1, 2027	\$2,970	\$3,320
	January 1, 2028	\$3,120	\$3,470
	January 1, 2029	\$3,275	\$3,625
<p>*The annual calendar year fee covers overall costs associated with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ACEND® communications and meetings, software use and support, staffing and office expenses, and responses to general Program Director questions. 2. Substantive changes including major program changes and administrative changes. 3. Program director changes and for new program directors, access to ACEND® Accreditation Standards Webinar series and discount to attend one ACEND® Program Director Workshop (in-person or virtual). 4. For programs accredited under the 2027 Standards, access to ACEND® Accreditation Standards Webinar series for program directors. 			
SELF STUDY/SITE VISIT ACCREDITATION FEE	SELF-STUDY/SITE VISIT FEE SCHEDULE		
<p>The self-study/site visit fee is based on administrative costs (\$4,280) for preparing for the on-site evaluation, processing the self-study report, and preparing reports from ACEND® volunteers, plus the average cost of travel, lodging and per diem for each team member participating in the 2½ day on-site program evaluation.</p> <p>If additional reviewers and/or days are needed because of the complexity of the program, such as a DPD with an ISPP or geographic location of supervised practice sites, the fee will be adjusted accordingly.</p> <p>Programs with several consortia/partnership institutions will be assessed cost of travel for one additional reviewer per partner institution.</p>		Domestic	International**
	One program at one site	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$8,260/2 team members	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$5,280 + 3-4 team members travel expenses
	Consortium/ Partnership, one program at multiple sites (includes branch campus/ additional location)	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$10,250 - \$12,240 3-4 team members	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$5,280 + 5-6 team members travel expenses
	Two programs at the same institution	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$16,520/4 team members	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$10,560 + 5-6 team members travel expenses

CANDIDACY FOR ACCREDITATION FEE		CANDIDACY FEE SCHEDULE		
<p>New programs seeking candidacy for accreditation will be charged a one-time eligibility application fee and a one-time candidacy self-study/site visit fee. The eligibility application fee includes registration for the program director to attend the program director workshop.</p> <p>The self-study/site visit fee is based on administrative costs for preparing the review team for the on-site evaluation, processing the self-study report, and preparing reports from ACEND® volunteers, plus the average cost of travel, lodging and per diem for each team member participating in the 1½ day (2½ day for international) on-site program evaluation. For domestic programs only, ACEND® staff may attend candidacy site visits at no additional cost to the program.</p> <p>Programs in a consortium/partnership will be assessed cost of travel for one additional reviewer per member/partner institution.</p>		Domestic	International**	
	Eligibility fee for pre-candidacy	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$3,000	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$4,000	
	Self-study/site visit fee for candidacy	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$8,260	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$5,280 + 3-4 team members travel expenses	
SPECIAL FEES		SPECIAL FEE SCHEDULE		
	Cancelling/rescheduling a site visit	\$1,500 + costs incurred		
	Focused site visit	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$3,500 admin fee + \$1,990/team member (International**: \$4,500 admin fee + team member travel expenses)		
	Site visit to a branch campus or additional location	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$2,000 admin fee + \$1,990/team member (International**: \$3,000 admin fee + team member travel expenses)		
	Appeal of accreditation decision	\$2,500 + appeal panel expenses		
	Late submission of materials/reports	\$250		
	Late payment of fees	Any payment not received by the due date will include a 10% late fee		
ADVANCED DEGREE WEB LISTING				ANNUAL FEE
<p>ACEND® does not accredit graduate-level programs in nutrition or dietetics unless they meet accreditation requirements for entry-level preparation. However, advanced-degree listings are often requested by individuals searching for graduate programs for professional development and career advancement.</p> <p>ACEND® can, at its discretion, list graduate programs in nutrition and dietetics-related areas beyond entry-level on the Academy’s Web site for an annual fee.</p>				Before Jan 1, 2027 \$300
				After Jan 1, 2027 \$350
ADVANCED PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAM REVIEW				FEE
The fee covers overall costs associated with ACEND® review of program materials.				\$1,600

The ACEND® Board reserves the right to change fees to maintain fiscal responsibility.

**International programs should refer to the tiered international fee schedule posted on the ACEND website.