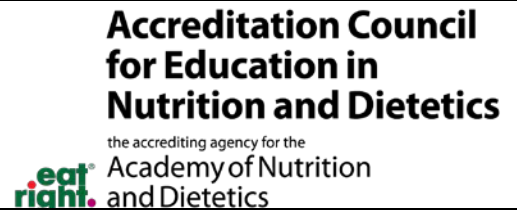


DOMESTIC RDN ACCREDITATION FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE June 2026



DOMESTIC RDN ANNUAL FEE*	DOMESTIC RDN 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) Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) 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. 			
DOMESTIC RDN SELF STUDY/SITE VISIT ACCREDITATION FEE	DOMESTIC RDN 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>	One program at one site	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$8,260 2 team members	
	Consortium/ Partnership, one program at multiple sites (includes branch campus/ additional location)	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$10,250 - \$12,240 3-4 team members	
	Two programs at the same institution	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$16,520 4 team members	

DOMESTIC RDN CANDIDACY FOR ACCREDITATION FEE		DOMESTIC RDN 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. 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>		Eligibility fee for pre-candidacy	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$3,000
		Self-study/site visit fee for candidacy	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$8,260
DOMESTIC RDN SPECIAL FEES		DOMESTIC RDN 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	
	Site visit to a branch campus or additional location	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$2,000 admin fee + \$1,990/team member	
	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	
BRIDGE QUALITY APPROVAL**		FEES	
<p>The ACEND® Bridge Quality-Approval process evaluates Bridge quality indicators, including the curriculum related to select ACEND competencies and performance indicators. The Bridge is not accredited; rather, it is a quality assurance process. Bridges will be re-evaluated every five years.</p> <p>Bridge fees include an annual maintenance fee applied each year to support administrative oversight, maintenance of bridge records, and monitoring ongoing quality. In addition, the Bridge Quality Approval Review fee, assessed every five years, covers the administrative costs associated with the ACEND® Bridge evaluations.</p> <p>All ACEND-accredited programs are <u>exempt</u> from the initial quality and the continuing review fee for degree-granting and module-based bridges, unless they modify their curriculum or pedagogy to offer a bridge. All bridges, including those accredited by ACEND, must pay the annual administrative fee.</p> <p>Note: fees for late submission of materials/reports and late payment of fees are the same for bridge quality approval as listed above for accredited programs.</p>		<p>Degree-Granting Bridge Includes all ACEND graduate-level academic competencies, awards a graduate degree following all state and federal laws, and awards an <i>ACEND Academic Certificate</i> to students upon successful completion of the 11 academic competencies.</p>	<p>Bridge Quality Approval Review (initial and continuing)* \$850</p> <p>Annual Fee \$350</p>
		<p>Module-Based Bridge Includes modules, courses, or other short-term and intensive education focused on specific competencies and skills aligned to ACEND competencies.</p>	<p>Bridge Quality Approval Review (initial and continuing)* \$350 for first module + \$50 for each additional module</p> <p>Annual Fee</p>

		\$40 per module to max of \$350
ADVANCED DEGREE WEB LISTING	ANNUAL FEE	
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. 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</p> <p>After Jan 1, 2027 \$350</p>	

*Bridge Quality Approval Review fee for both degree-granting and module-based bridges will be discounted through December 31, 2026. Please see ACEND website for more details.

**The Bridge Quality Approval process is being piloted in 2026. Full fees are subject to change to maintain fiscal responsibility.

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