
ACCREDITATION FEE SCHEDULE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) is a not-for-profit organization. Fees for international programs' evaluation, consultation, training, accreditation, and other services provided by ACEND to its international program are set at a level intended to defray the actual cost to provide the service(s) and assist in the support and continuous improvement of the services. An annual fee is charged for the maintenance of any international-accreditation status. ACEND may adjust the fees and set effective dates for such adjustments at any regular or special meeting of the ACEND Board. All fees listed below are in U.S. Dollars (USD). For more information, please send an email to acend@eatright.org.

In 2023, ACEND adopted a tiered fee structure that takes into consideration the economic status of a country. For this purpose, ACEND uses World Bank data (gross national income per capita) and country classifications:

<https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>. The ACEND Board has adopted the same tiers as the World Bank:

- Tier A: High-Income Countries
- Tier B: Upper Middle-Income Countries
- Tier C: Lower Middle-Income Countries
- Tier D: Low-Income Countries.

In determining what fees will apply to an institution or organization applying for a service(s), ACEND will refer to the latest data published by the World Bank. The World Bank typically updates the data annually in June/July. For additional details relating to fees and other information for international program accreditation, please refer to ACEND Policy and Procedure Manual (<https://www.eatrightpro.org/-/media/files/eatrightpro/acend/accreditation-standards-fees-and-policies/acend-policies-and-procedures/acend-policy-and-procedure-manual.pdf>). Terms used in the Fee Schedule are defined in the Policy and Procedure Manual.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ANNUAL FEE	ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE PER CALENDAR YEAR			
	Tier A	Tier B	Tier C	Tier D
<p>The annual fee applies to all international programs that hold candidate, full or probationary accreditation. In general, ACEND® invoices programs for the annual fee in August 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>	<u>January 1, 2026</u> \$2,830	2,406	\$1,840	\$1,415
	<u>January 1, 2027</u> \$2,970	\$2,525	\$1,931	\$1,485
	<u>January 1, 2028</u> \$3,120	\$2,652	\$2,028	\$1,560
	<u>January 1, 2029</u> \$3,275	\$2,784	\$2,129	\$1,638
<p>The annual calendar year fee covers overall costs associated with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ACEND® communications and meetings, software use and support, staffing and office expenses and responses to general Program Director questions. Substantive changes including major program changes and administrative changes. Program director changes and for new program directors, access to ACEND® Accreditation Standards Webinar series for new program directors and discount to attend one ACEND® Program Director Workshop (in-person or virtual). For programs accredited under the 2027 Standards, access to ACEND® Accreditation Standards Webinar series for program directors. 				
SELF-STUDY/SITE VISIT ACCREDITATION FEE FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS				
<p>The self-study/site visit fee is based on administrative costs (\$4,880 base price) for preparing for the on-site evaluation, processing the self-study report, and preparing reports from ACEND® volunteers. All travel costs of the 3 to 4 members review team including airfare (Economy Plus for trips longer than 6 hours), transportation and parking, lodging and per diem for each team member participating in the 3- day on-site program evaluation and 2 additional days of travel. If additional reviewers and/or days are needed because of the complexity of the program accordingly. Consortium/partnership are defined as one program at multiple sites. This includes branch campus/additional location.</p>	<u>One program at one site</u> Jun 2026–May 2029 \$5,280 + 3-4 team member travel expenses	Jun 2026–May 2029 \$4,488 + 3-4 team member travel expenses	Jun 2026–May 2029 \$3,432 + 3-4 team member travel expenses	Jun 2026–May 2029 \$2,640 + 3-4 team member travel expenses
	<u>Consortium/ Partnership</u> Jun 2026–May 2029 \$5,280 + 3-4 team member travel expenses	Jun 2026–May 2029 \$4,488 + 3-4 team member travel expenses	Jun 2026–May 2029 \$3,432 + 3-4 team member travel expenses	Jun 2026–May 2029 \$2,640 + 3-4 team member travel expenses
	<u>Two programs at the same institution</u> Jun 2026-May 2029 \$10,560 + 5-6 team member travel expenses	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$8,976 + 5-6 team member travel expenses	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$6,864 + 5-6 team member travel expenses	Jun 2026-May 2029 \$5,280 + 5-6 team member travel expenses

CANDIDACY FOR ACCREDITATION FEE FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

<p>New international programs seeking candidacy for accreditation will be charged a one-time eligibility application fee and a one-time, 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.</p> <p>All travel costs of the 3 to 4 members review team including airfare (Economy Plus for trips longer than 6 hours), transportation and parking, lodging and per diem for each team member participating in the 2-day on-site program evaluation and 2 additional days of travel. If additional reviewers and/or days are needed because of the complexity of the program, travel fees must be covered by the program accordingly.</p>	<p><u>Eligibility application fee</u></p> <p>Jun 2026–May 2029 \$4,000</p> <p><u>Self-study/site visit fee for candidacy</u></p> <p>Jun 2026–May 2029 \$5,280 + 3-4 team member travel expenses</p>	<p>Jun 2026–May 2029 \$3,400</p> <p>Jun 2026–May 2029 \$4,488 + 3-4 team member travel expenses</p>	<p>Jun 2026–May 2029 \$2,600</p> <p>Jun 2026–May 2029 \$3,432 + 3-4 team member travel expenses</p>	<p>Jun 2026–May 2029 \$2,000</p> <p>Jun 2026–May 2029 \$2,640 + 3-4 team member travel expenses</p>
<p>INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS SPECIAL FEES</p>	<p>Tier A</p>	<p>Tier B</p>	<p>Tier C</p>	<p>Tier D</p>
<p>Focused Site Visit</p>	<p>Jun 2026- May 2029: \$ 4,500 admin fee + team member travel expenses</p>	<p>Jun 2026- May 2029: \$ 3,825 admin fee + team member travel expenses</p>	<p>Jun 2026- May 2029: \$ 2,925 admin fee + team member travel expenses</p>	<p>Jun 2026- May 2029: \$ 2,250 admin fee + team member travel expenses</p>
<p>Site visit to a branch campus or additional location</p>	<p>Jun 2026- May 2029: \$3,000 admin fee + team member travel expenses</p>	<p>Jun 2026- May 2029: \$2,550 admin fee + team member travel expenses</p>	<p>Jun 2026- May 2029: \$1,950 admin fee + team member travel expenses</p>	<p>Jun 2026- May 2029: \$1,500 admin fee + team member travel expenses</p>
<p>Cancelling/rescheduling a site visit</p>	<p>\$ 1,500 + costs incurred</p>			
<p>Appeal of accreditation decision</p>	<p>\$ 2,500 + appeal panel expenses</p>			
<p>Late submission of materials/reports</p>	<p>\$ 250</p>			
<p>Late payment of fees</p>	<p>Any payment not received by the due date will include a 10% late fee</p>			

BRIDGE QUALITY APPROVAL		
<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 \$40 per module to max of \$350</p>
ADVANCED DEGREE WEB LISTING		
<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>	<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.