

Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) is the accrediting agency for education programs preparing students for careers as registered dietitian nutritionists or nutrition and dietetics technicians, registered.

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Annual Overview of Accreditation Activities and Communications

As many ACEND programs start new cohorts in the fall, we'd like to remind programs about accreditation maintenance activities and ACEND communications that take place every year:

Accreditation Maintenance Activities

- Annual Report— annually, released in early September, due mid-November.
2025 due date: Friday, November 21, 2025
- [Annual Accreditation Fee](#)—annually, released early September, due mid-December. **2025 due date: Monday, December 8, 2025**
- Interim Report or Progress Report—as needed; find due dates, if applicable, on the [ACEND portal](#)
- [Substantive Changes](#)—as needed; see [decision calendar](#) for ACEND board decision-making timelines
- ACEND Policy Changes—keep up-to-date with ACEND announcements in the ACEND UPdate Newsletter

Communications

- [ACEND UPdate Newsletter](#)— new articles typically sent the 3rd Tuesday of the month
- [ACEND Townhall](#)- Quarterly

Please mark your calendar: the week of September 8, 2025, program directors will be receiving separate notifications about the ACEND Annual Fee and the ACEND Annual Report.

News and Updates

ACEND Policy and Procedure Manual Revised July 2025

The ACEND Policy and Procedure Manual has been updated and posted to the ACEND website. The latest changes to ACEND policies approved by the ACEND Board include:

- Terminology updates to the Program Reviewer and Ethics, Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest policy (Policy 1.5 and 1.6)
- Clarifications made to Requests for Reconsideration of ACEND Board Decisions policy (Policy 2.8) and Appeals and Arbitration of Adverse Accreditation Decisions (Policy 2.9)
- Updates to Complaints About Programs and Complaints About ACEND policies to clarify the steps a complainant may take should assistance be required (Policy 2.10 and 2.11)
- Updates to the Program Closure Policy to note the procedure in the unlikely event a program that ACEND accredits closes without a teach-out plan/agreement or refuses to provide a teach-out plan/agreement (Policy 4.4).

September 16, 2025 ACEND Town Hall

ACEND® hosts periodic virtual meetings to answer constituent questions. The next virtual town hall will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Central Time). This month's town hall will feature members of the ACEND Expanded Standards Committee (ESC) who will share the rationale that guided the development of the proposed draft 2027 Accreditation Standards.

All constituents are invited to participate. The webinar will be recorded and there are no CPEUs offered for this event. To learn more and to register for the ACEND Town Hall click [here](#).

ACEND Fee Schedule Updated

ACEND's fee schedule for June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2029 has been published on the ACEND website. The current fee schedule remains in effect until May 31, 2026. To view ACEND fee schedules visit our website: [View Fee Schedule](#)

A Call to all Programs who use Google Classroom with an

Educational License

ACEND is working with EMS (our support for Competency Software) to assist them with integration to the Google Classroom. We are seeking volunteers who use Google Classroom with an educational license who would be willing to assist with setting up integration in Competency. Please contact dpatel@eatright.org if you wish to support ACEND in this process.

ACEND on RD2BE Podcast

The RD2BE Podcast host Jenna Warnock interviewed ACEND Executive Director Dr. Rayane AbuSabha on a variety of topics of interest to students in ACEND-accredited programs. The eight-part series can be accessed on the ACEND website in the [Professional Information and Scholarships](#) section.

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