

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.
2026 due date: Friday, November 20, 2026
- Annual Accreditation Fee—annually, released early September, due mid-December. **2026 due date: Monday, November 23, 2026**
- 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 7, 2026, program directors will be receiving separate notifications about the ACEND Annual Fee and the ACEND Annual Report.

September 16, 2026 Town Hall - ACEND Q&A

ACEND® hosts periodic virtual meetings to answer constituent questions. The next virtual town hall will be held on **Wednesday, September 16, 2026** from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM (Central Time). ACEND Chair, Kendra K. Kattelman, PhD, RDN, LN, FAND, ACEND Executive Director, Rayane AbuSabha, PhD, RD and ACEND Staff will share important updates regarding 2027 accreditation standards, Board updates, and dedicate time for Q&A. The webinar will be recorded and shared with

programs. There are no CPEUs offered for this event. To learn more and to register for the ACEND Town Hall click [here](#).

ACEND Releases the 2027 Accreditation Standards and Supporting Resources

ACEND emailed all program directors on Monday August 10, 2026 with information regarding the 2027 Standards, supporting resources, and minutes from the June Town Hall which addressed bridging and their review process. If you have any questions or did not receive the email, please contact ACEND@eatright.org. For more information about bridges, visit:

<https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/earn-division/bridge-quality-approval>