

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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ACEND Proposed 2027 Accreditation Standards – Call for Comments

The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics has released the proposed 2027 Accreditation Standards for Nutrition and Dietetics Coordinated Programs (CP), Didactic Programs (DPD), Internship Programs (DI), and Associate Programs with the Dietetic Technician Option (DT). The draft 2027 Standards are the result of a planned five-year review cycle of the 2022 Accreditation Standards to ensure compliance with the Department of Education regulation. Copies of the draft Standards documents and the surveys to provide feedback may be found at [Proposed 2027 Standards](#). Note that there are four surveys to provide feedback: one (1) for the 2027 Standards and Required Elements and three (3) related to the Competencies and Performance Indicators for CPs/DIs, DPDs, and Associate Programs with the DT option. The surveys allow you to share any comments or concerns you have about the proposed 2027 Standards.

ACEND is offering two webinars on December 16 and 18, 2025, at 11:00 AM-12:30 PM CT to describe the recommended and proposed changes and their rationale. The links to register for the webinars and the recording will also be posted on the [Town Hall webpage](#).

Please share this information with your constituents and colleagues. We value your input! The survey will remain open until February 10, 2026.

January 20, 2026 Q&A Town Hall

ACEND® hosts periodic virtual meetings to answer constituent questions. The next virtual town hall will be held on **Tuesday, January 20, 2026** from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Central Time). The town hall will focus on the 2027 draft accreditation standards and call for public comments and provide adequate time for the Q&A portion.

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](#).

Dietetic Application Process – Violations Submission Process

ACEND® has established a process for reviewing violations submitted against ACEND-accredited supervised practice programs (CP, GP, DI) in order to ensure compliance with the [Dietetics Applicant and Program Traffic Rules](#). These traffic rules represent the guidelines under which the nutrition and dietetics supervised practice programs and their institutions will conduct the annual admissions process.

The [violation form and process for submission of violations](#) can be viewed on the ACEND website.

Additional resources related to the Dietetics Application Process are available on the [program director application webpage](#) and the [applicant webpage](#).

Share Your Noteworthy Practices with Other Educators

If you would like your noteworthy practice to be reviewed by ACEND's Review Committee and possibly be selected for the next quarter, please visit the ACEND's Noteworthy Practice Page [here](#) to download the submission form.

Noteworthy practices that are requested include: Preceptor Recruitment and Recognition, Interprofessional Education, Curriculum (i.e. simulation, review process, integrated experience) and Program Improvement (i.e. data collection, technology, pass rate).

Please submit the completed submission form and supporting documentation to ACEND@eatright.org by one of the upcoming due dates: January 16, 2026 and April 17, 2026.

Season's Greetings from the Board and Staff of ACEND

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and peaceful holiday season, and a New Year filled with happiness and good health. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to work with each of you.

Note that the ACEND office is closed for the winter holidays starting December 24, 2025, and will reopen January 5, 2026.

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