

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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June 23, 2026 Town Hall- Introduction to ACEND Bridges and Review Process

The 2027 Accreditation Standards require students completing Supervised Practice Experience (SPE) Programs (also known as DI Programs) to also complete the designated academic competencies in a graduate program approved by ACEND® as a Degree-Granting or Module-Based Bridge. On June 23, 2026, from 11:00 AM -12:30 PM CT, ACEND is hosting a town hall that will highlight major bridging concepts, discuss the connections with other ACEND-accredited programs, and provide an overview of the bridge review processes. The town hall will be recorded and posted on the ACEND website within 1-2 weeks of the session. For additional information and to register for these town halls, please click [here](#).

July 21, 2026 ACEND Webinar

ACEND® will be hosting faculty from the Pennsylvania State University, Gina Pazzaglia, PhD, RDN and Shawnee M. Kelly, MS, RDN, LDN, FAND, to present *Everyone at the Table: Nutrition Education using Universal Design for Learning*. The webinar will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CT.

This webinar introduces Universal Design for Learning (UDL), a framework for creating accessible and engaging educational experiences for all students. Through real-world examples and interactive activities, attendees will learn practical strategies to implement UDL into their learning environments. The webinar will summarize how UDL can help to ensure that all learners have a place at the table in nutrition and dietetics education.

This webinar is intended for all ACEND constituents and is pending CDR approval to provide 1.0 CPEU. The webinar will be recorded and posted on the ACEND website. For additional information and to register for this event, please click [here](#).

Updated ACEND Manager State Assignments

In addition to supporting ACEND accreditation site visits, ACEND accreditation managers have states assigned to them; programs in those states can call their assigned manager at any time of the accreditation cycle to ask questions and get accreditation support.

Some of the ACEND accreditation manager assignments have recently been updated. To find the ACEND accreditation manager assigned to your state, please visit the [ACEND Staff page](#) of the ACEND website.