

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 Standards Revisions Effective November 1, 2025

In response to recent federal directives related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in higher education, as well as guidance from legal counsel, ACEND revised the DEI-related requirements across all its accreditation standards. The draft revised standards were released for public comment from July 28, 2025-September 29, 2025. ACEND would like to thank those who took the time to share their feedback during this period. Following a review of the public comments, the ACEND Board voted at its October 2025 meeting to approve the revisions. The updated standards are now available on the ACEND webpages below and are effective November 1, 2025.

ACEND 2022 Accreditation Standards

Future Education Model Standards

Doctoral Standards

December Town Halls

ACEND® will be hosting two town halls in December regarding the release of the 2027 Accreditation Standards for public comment. ACEND will review and share the draft standards, highlight major changes from the current ACEND Accreditation Standards, and provide time for Q&A. The town halls will take place on:

- Tuesday, December 16, 2025 from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM CT
- Thursday, December 18, 2025 from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM CT

The town halls 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](#).

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