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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New Website Resource: SPE Academic and Supervised Practice Competencies and PIs

In response to feedback received from educators at FNCE, we have added the Supervised Practice Experience (SPE) Academic and Supervised Practice Competencies and Performance Indicators (PIs) document to the ACEND website. This resource is intended to make these SPE Competencies and PIs easier to access and help educators quickly locate the information most relevant to their needs. To locate this resource and all 2027 ACEND Standards templates, guidance and resources, visit our website: **https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/accreditation-standards-fees-and-policies/2027-standards**

December 8, 2026 ACEND Webinar: *Finding Your Voice: Self-Advocacy Strategies for Dietetics Students and Interns*

ACEND® will be sponsoring a webinar series presented by Tamara Melton, MS, RDN, LD, Co-founder and Executive Director of Diversify Dietetics. Part I, Finding Your Voice: Self-Advocacy Strategies for Dietetics Students and Interns will be held virtually on **Tuesday, December 8, 2026** from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Central Time. Information on Part II of the webinar series, which will focus on educators and preceptors, will be shared at a later date and posted on the ACEND website.

This Part I webinar will explore the development of self-advocacy skills to help dietetics students and interns navigate challenging interactions while pursuing their academic and professional goals. Participants will learn practical strategies for communicating concerns, responding to interpersonal challenges, and seeking support within academic and supervised practice settings. Through realistic scenarios, participants will examine how power dynamics influence options and explore approaches for advocating for themselves while supporting their peers.

The webinar is pending CPE approval for 1.0 CPEU (Level 2). **Please note that only attendees who participate in the live session are eligible to receive CPE credit for this event.** While a recording and slides will be posted on the ACEND town hall webpage, individuals who view the recording will not be eligible to receive

CPE credit. For additional information and to register for this event, please click **here**.

Updated Licensure Map and Statutes by State Website

The ACEND Accreditation Standards (Standard 7, Required Element 7.3 (2022/FEM Standards); Standard 7, Required Element 7.2 (2027 Standards)) require programs to publish "Information about the requirements and process to become a registered dietitian nutritionist, including education, supervised practice, passage on the CDR credentialing exam, and state certification/licensure, if applicable; and how the program fits into the process." Previously, in the Guidance Information Document, ACEND has provided its programs with a link to the Licensure Map on CDR's website; however, licensure information now resides on the Academy's website located here:
https://www.eatrightpro.org/advocacy/state-policy/licensure-map-and-statutes-by-state

Please update your program's website and refer to the Academy's licensure page. ACEND updated the 2027 Standards Guidance Information Documents to reflect this link as well.