

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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News and Updates

ACEND events at FNCE

ACEND is excited to announce the following ACEND events at FNCE. Locations and details can be found in the FNCE app:

Three Q&A sessions on the 2027 Standards are offered for program directors and faculty. These are all located in Room 206A, Convention Center in San Antonio.

- Saturday, October 24, 12:00 pm-1:30 pm CT
- Sunday, October 25, 11:00 am-12:30 pm CT
- Monday, October 26, 1:00 pm-2:30 pm CT

The ACEND booth will be open throughout FNCE, where you can stop by to meet with a program manager or ask any questions. ACEND Booth Hours: Sunday: 8:30 am - 5 pm, Monday: 7:30 am - 5 pm, Tuesday: 7:30 am - 1:00 pm.

We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

November 10, 2026 ACEND Webinar: 2027 Competencies and Performance Indicators

ACEND® hosts periodic virtual meetings and webinars to answer constituent questions. The next virtual webinar will be held on **Tuesday, November 10, 2026** from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Central Time). ACEND Chair, Kendra K. Kattelman, PhD, RD, LN, FAND, will share important ACEND updates and reminders. Leanne Worsfold, MEd, RPN, ACEND's Senior Strategic Partner of Innovation and Strategy Planning, will present an overview of the 2027 Competencies and Performance. Her presentation will introduce the new ACEND competency frame, explain the addition of performance indicators, highlight the cross walk of the 2022 core knowledge and competencies and the 2027 competencies and performance, and review the curriculum map and competency assessment table.

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](#).

2027 Annual Fee Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that the 2027 Annual Fee is due on **November 23rd, 2026**. A reminder email was sent last week on October 12th and will be sent again in November. Please note, only programs who have an outstanding Annual Fee will receive a reminder email. Once ACEND has received your Annual Fee, you will not receive any further correspondence about this item unless there is a concern regarding your submission. If you have any questions about the Annual Fee, please email acend@eatright.org.

Sign Up Now: February 2027 Accreditation Workshop on the 2027 Standards

ACEND offers several workshops and modules specifically for program directors. These workshops are designed to help dietetic education program directors learn the latest accreditation standards and specific details on how to prepare for site visits and self-study reports.

The next workshop that will cover the newly released 2027 Standards will be held virtually on **February 23-24, 2027**. This training on the 2027 Accreditation Standards can meet the ACEND training requirement for Standard 1, Required Element 1.5b.6.h — "Completion of an ACEND training on the accreditation standards within one year of hire and every five years, thereafter".

Register now to reserve your spot! Registration closes on February 19, 2027 or until the workshop is full.

Register