



**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE:
ACEND-ACCREDITED NUTRITION AND DIETETICS
PROGRAMS THAT ACCEPT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Introduction

The information provided in this guide is for educational purposes only and provides an opportunity for prospective students to easily identify ACEND-accredited programs that accept international students. If you have any questions regarding the information contained within this guide, please reach out to the program director for further inquiry as information presented varies by program. Students should continue to refer to the [ACEND Program Directory](#) for program contact information.

ACEND has obtained permission from the listed programs to share program information with the public. If you are a program director and would like to be added/removed from this list or would like to make modifications to the information presented within this list, please contact ACEND at acend@eatright.org.

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Guidance for Prospective Students

Information provided in this guide is separated by program type and state for ease of reference. The programs listed include:

- Coordinated Programs in Dietetics (CP)
- Dietetic Internship Programs (DI)
- Didactic Programs in Dietetics (DPD)
- Graduate Programs in Nutrition and Dietetics (GP)

To learn more about each program type and additional ACEND-accredited program types, please review the [About Accredited Programs](#) webpage.

Important Definitions

- **I-20 Forms:** Also known as “Certificate of Eligibility”; document issued by a U.S. educational institution that certifies an international student’s eligibility to apply for an F-1 student visa.
 - While some universities do not provide the I-20 forms for international students, the university may still accept students who have already obtained an I-20 form. Additionally, while some universities may distribute the I-20 forms, it is possible the program may not accept international students as this depends on program-specific policies. Please contact the program director of the program you are interested in to learn more about the application process.
- **International Credential Evaluation/Foreign Degree Evaluation Report:** A generated report from a foreign degree evaluation agency used to validate U.S. educational equivalency of higher education degree(s). For a list of agency types, please click [here](#).
- **International Students:** Refers to anyone who lives outside of the U.S. and its territories, interested in pursuing higher education in the U.S. with a valid student visa. Note: this does not refer to individuals who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- **Prior Assessed Learning (PAL) Policy:** A program- specific policy regarding an evaluation that grants credit or hours of experience for content or skills that the student/intern has previously mastered.

Additional Resources

ACEND has developed several resources to assist international students navigating admission into ACEND-accredited programs within the U.S:

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#): Compiled list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for individuals with foreign degrees.
- [Foreign Degree Evaluation Agencies](#): List of evaluation agencies that can validate your academic degree.

**Student
Tip**

Once you choose an agency from the list above, please check with the program you wish to attend to ensure their university accepts transcripts from that agency.

- [International Student Checklist](#): Provides a step-by-step checklist to help guide students in becoming Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDN) or Nutrition and Dietetic Technician, Registered (NDTR).

Coordinated Programs

Information provided in the tables below pertain to Coordinated Programs in Dietetics (CP). In instances where the appropriate response is not known or cannot be determined, programs may indicate “unknown” as their response.

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Coordinated Programs in Dietetics (CP)

Program Name	State	Does the university provide I 20 forms* for international students?	Does the program provide I 20 forms* for international students?	Who reviews the international credential evaluation (also known as foreign degree evaluation report) such as WES, APIE, Globe Language Services, ACEI, etc. submitted by international students?	Does the program utilize a Prior Assessed Learning (PAL) policy to waive coursework for international students based on the degree evaluation report?	Does the program utilize a Prior Assessed Learning (PAL) policy to waive supervised practice/supervised experiential learning for international students based on prior work experience and/or completion of ACEND accredited Foreign Dietitian Education (FDE) programs?
Loma Linda University - CP	California	Yes	No	Program Director; Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	Yes	No
USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology - CP	California	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
University of Illinois at Chicago - CP	Illinois	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
D'Youville University - CP	New York	Yes	No	Program Director; Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Pace University - CP	New York	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Texas Christian University - CP	Texas	Yes	Yes	Program Director	No	No
University of Texas at San Antonio - CP	Texas	Yes	Yes	Program Director; Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
University of Washington - CP	Washington	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Howard University - CP	Washington DC	Yes	No	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Viterbo University - CP	Wisconsin	Yes	No	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No

Dietetic Internship Programs

Information provided in the tables below pertain to Dietetic Internship (DI) programs. In instances where the appropriate response is not known or cannot be determined, programs may indicate “unknown” as their response.

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Dietetic Internship Programs (DI)

Program Name	State	Does the university provide I 20 forms* for international students?	Does the program provide I 20 forms* for international students?	Who reviews the international credential evaluation (also known as foreign degree evaluation report) such as WES, APIE, Globe Language Services, ACEI, etc. submitted by international students?	Does the program utilize a Prior Assessed Learning (PAL) policy to waive coursework for international students based on the degree evaluation report?	Does the program utilize a Prior Assessed Learning (PAL) policy to waive supervised practice/supervised experiential learning for international students based on prior work experience and/or completion of ACEND accredited Foreign Dietitian Education (FDE) programs?
University of California Berkeley Public Health - DI	California	Yes	Yes	Program Director; Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
University of Saint Joseph - DI	Connecticut	Unknown	Unknown	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Yale-New Haven Hospital - DI	Connecticut	Unknown	Unknown	Program Director	No	No
Memorial Healthcare System - DI	Florida	No	No	Program Director	Yes	Yes
Nutraco - DI	Florida	No	No	Program Director	No	Yes
Morrison Healthcare - DI	Georgia	No	No	Program Director	No	No
OSF Saint Francis Medical Center - DI	Illinois	No	No	Unknown	No	No
University of Kansas Medical Center - DI	Kansas	Yes	No	Program Director; Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
University of Maine - DI	Maine	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Boston University/Sargent College - DI	Massachusetts	Yes	No	Program Director; Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Brigham and Women's Hospital - DI	Massachusetts	No	No	Program Director; Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Frances Stern Nutrition Center (Tufts) - DI	Massachusetts	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No

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Andrews University - DI	Michigan	Yes	No	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Michigan State University - DI	Michigan	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	Yes
University of Minnesota - DI	Minnesota	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Cornell University - DI	New York	Yes	No	Program Director	No	No
New York Distance Dietetic Internship - DI	New York	No	No	Program Director	No	No
Northwell Health Dietetic Internship - DI	New York	No	No	Program Director	No	No
Meredith College - DI	North Carolina	Yes	Yes	Unknown	No	No
Case Western Reserve University - DI	Ohio	Yes	No	Program Director; Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Cleveland Clinic - DI	Ohio	No	No	Unknown	No	No
Be Well Solutions - DI	Ohio	No	No	Program Director	No	No
University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center - DI	Ohio	Yes	Yes	Program Director; Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Oregon Health & Science University - DI	Oregon	Yes	No	Program Director	No	No
Aramark Dietetic Internship - DI	Pennsylvania	No	No	Program Director	No	Yes
Messiah University - DI	Pennsylvania	Yes	No	Program Director; Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No

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Sodexo - DI	Pennsylvania	No	No	Program Director	No	Yes
Puerto Rico Department of Health - DI	Puerto Rico	No	No	Program Director	No	No
Baylor University Medical Center - DI	Texas	No	No	Program Director	No	No
Medical City Healthcare Dietetic Internship Program - DI	Texas	No	No	Program Director	No	Yes
Texas A&M University - DI	Texas	No	No	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Virginia Commonwealth University Health System - DI	Virginia	Unknown	No	Program Director	No	Yes
Garden to Table Nutrition - DI	Washington	No	No	Program Director	No	Yes
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay - DI	Wisconsin	No	No	Program Director	No	Yes

Didactic Programs in Dietetics

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Didactic Programs in Dietetics (DPD)

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The University of Alabama - DPD	Alabama	Yes	Yes	Program Director	No	No
University of Alabama at Birmingham - DPD	Alabama	Yes	No	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
California State Polytechnic University - DPD	California	Yes	Yes	Program Director	Yes	No
California State University Chico - DPD	California	Yes	No	Program Director	No	No
California State University Sacramento - DPD	California	Yes	Unknown	Program Director	Yes	No
San Francisco State University - DPD	California	Unknown	Unknown	Program Director	No	No
University of California Davis- DPD	California	Yes	No	Program Director	Yes	No
University of Saint Joseph - DPD	Connecticut	Yes	Yes	Program Director; Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Florida International University - DPD	Florida	Yes	Yes	Program Director; Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
The University of Georgia - DPD	Georgia	Yes	No	Program Director	Yes	No
University of Illinois at Chicago - DPD	Illinois	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Benedictine University - DPD	Illinois	Yes	Yes	Program Director	No	No

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Louisiana Tech University - DPD	Louisiana	Yes	No	Program Director	Yes	No
University of Maryland College Park - DPD	Maryland	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Simmons University - DPD	Massachusetts	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Andrews University - DPD	Michigan	Yes	No	Program Director; Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Western Michigan University - DPD	Michigan	Yes	No	Program Director	No	No
Saint Louis University - DPD	Missouri	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Brooklyn College CUNY - DPD	New York	Yes	Yes	Program Director	Yes	No
Russell Sage College - DPD	New York	Yes	No	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
State University of New York Oneonta - DPD	New York	Yes	No	Program Director; Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Syracuse University - DPD	New York	Unknown	Unknown	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Meredith College - DPD	North Carolina	Yes	No	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No

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Northeastern State University - DPD	Oklahoma	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Oklahoma State University - DPD	Oklahoma	Yes	Yes	Program Director	No	No
Oregon State University - DPD	Oregon	Yes	Yes	Program Director	No	No
Cedar Crest College - DPD	Pennsylvania	Yes	No	Program Director	Yes	No
South Carolina State University - DPD	South Carolina	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Carson-Newman University - DPD	Tennessee	Yes	Yes	Program Director; Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Texas Tech University - DPD	Texas	Unknown	Unknown	Program Director; Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
West Virginia University - DPD	West Virginia	Yes	Unknown	Program Director	Yes	No
University of Wisconsin-Madison - DPD	Wisconsin	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point - DPD	Wisconsin	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No

Graduate Program in Nutrition and Dietetics

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Graduate Programs in Nutrition and Dietetics (GP)

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Harding University - GP	Arkansas	Yes	Yes	Program Director	Yes	Yes
University of the Pacific - GP	California	Yes	No	Program Director	No	No
Nova Southeastern University - GP	Florida	Yes	No	Program Director	No	No
University of Michigan - GP	Michigan	Yes	Yes	Program Director	No	No
Logan University - GP	Missouri	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Minnesota State University Mankato - GP	Minnesota	Yes	Yes	Program Director; Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	Yes	No
University of Nebraska Medical Center - GP	Nebraska	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
University at Buffalo - GP	New York	Yes	Yes	Program Director	No	No
Meredith College - GP	North Carolina	Yes	No	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) - GP	North Carolina	Yes	No	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
Seton Hill University - GP	Pennsylvania	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	Yes	Yes
Temple University - GP	Pennsylvania	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No

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Thomas Jefferson University - GP	Pennsylvania	Yes	No	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	Yes	No
University of Puerto Rico - GP	Puerto Rico	Yes	No	Program Director	No	No
University of Tennessee Chattanooga - GP	Tennessee	Yes	No	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley - GP	Texas	Yes	No	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
George Mason University - GP	Virginia	Yes	Yes	Program Director	No	No
Shenandoah University - GP	Virginia	Yes	Yes	Someone else at the institution reviews the foreign degree evaluation report	No	No
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay - GP	Wisconsin	Yes	Yes	Program Director	Yes	Yes