

# Active Membership

The Active category is the Academy's largest membership category. Active members can enjoy all the benefits the Academy has to offer, including career, professional and continuing education resources. The Academy's main, professional membership category encompasses:

- Individuals who have completed an ACEND-accredited dietetics program
- Individuals with advanced degrees in an approved area of concentration
- RDs/RDNs and DTRs/NDTRs

If you can answer YES to any of the questions below, you qualify for Academy membership in the Active category:

Verification documents you will need to submit:

Have you ever established eligibility for the Registration Examination for Dietitians or Dietetic Technicians, both administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR)?

None

Have you earned a bachelor's degree and completed a dietetics program approved/accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)?

Verification Statement identifying ACEND Program Completion

Have you completed an associate degree program for dietetic technicians approved/accredited by ACEND?

Verification Statement identifying ACEND Program Completion

Do you hold a master's or doctoral degree, and, if so, are any of your degrees (bachelor's, master's or doctoral) in the following specified concentrations: dietetics, food and nutrition, nutrition, community/public health nutrition, food science or food service systems management?

Original Transcript or Confirming Statement of highest degree earned and the original transcript confirming your degree in one of the specified concentrations. If the highest degree you obtained was in one of the specified concentrations, submit that transcript only.

# Member Benefits

## Professional Development

Select from a variety of free and member-preferred priced resources. With topics ranging from nutrition counseling to obesity and breastfeeding to sports nutrition, the Academy offers the professional development you need.

## Nutrition Research

Members receive complimentary and member-preferred pricing on the latest research, including:

- Evidence Analysis Library®: Access the Academy's online research library for the latest in food and nutrition-related science for free as a member.
- *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*: The Academy's flagship publication is the premier source for information on the practice and science of food, nutrition and dietetics.

## Continuing Professional Education (CPE)

Many CPEU opportunities are included annually through webinars, Journal articles and more.

## Networking

Stay connected to your colleagues by joining the many dietetic practice groups (DPGs) in areas ranging from pediatric nutrition to nutrition research to weight management. Only Academy members are eligible to join DPGs.

## Showcase Your Expertise

Active category members can create a free listing for the Academy's Find a Nutrition Expert online referral service. Consumers and businesses search this site often to connect with members who provide expertise in food and nutrition.

## Professional Recognition

Demonstrate your commitment to the field of food, nutrition and dietetics by applying to become a Fellow of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (FAND). Only current members in the Active or Retired categories may apply for this prestigious life-time designation.

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Joined in 1984



*I value being a member of the Academy. Membership has provided great networking opportunities as my career pivoted from clinical dietetics to food service management. I loved being able to transition in my career while also maintaining my credentials.*