International Membership

Individuals who have completed, or are completing, formal training in food, nutrition or dietetics outside the United States qualify for membership with the Academy. The Academy’s International category extends membership worldwide, providing a global network of food, nutrition and dietetics professionals.

The International Student classification carries a six-year limit and is available for international students who are enrolled in formal training in food, nutrition or dietetics outside the United States and US Territories.

Emerging Economy Dues: Individuals qualifying for International membership residing in countries classified as lower middle income or low income by The World Bank are eligible for an emerging economy dues adjustment. Email membership@eatright.org for additional information.

Note: In accordance with US sanctions laws, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics cannot accept as members persons from the countries embargoed by the United States, including Iran, Syria, Cuba, North Korea and the Crimea region of Ukraine, or who are subject to any US list-based sanctions.

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

Have you completed formal training outside of the United States and US territories in food, nutrition or dietetics?

Verification documents you will need to submit:

- The Academy’s International Membership Verification Form signed by your country’s professional dietetics association and/or national regulatory body or by provision of other documents verifying education and/or training in food, nutrition or dietetics completed outside of the United States.

Are you a student enrolled in a food, nutrition or dietetics education program outside the United States which is not a US college or university recognized by the US Department of Education (USDE) and is not accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)?

Verification documents you will need to submit:

- The Academy’s International Membership Verification Form signed by your educational program.

Member Benefits

Position Papers
Familiarize yourself with the Academy’s stance on issues that affect the nutritional status of the public. Position papers are published in the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and on the Academy’s website.

Evidence Analysis Library® (EAL®)
Developed to provide members with research, evidence-based nutrition practice guidelines, toolkits and educator modules, the EAL® is a web-based tool free for Academy members.

Distance Learning
The Center for Lifelong Learning offers a number of online certificate of training programs, live and recorded webinars, as well as virtual FNCE®, available in group and self-study options. Over 250 programs are available for free or at a reduced rate for members on the Academy’s site, eatrightCPE.org.

Dietetic Practice Groups (DPGs)
Join one or more of the Academy’s professional interest groups and enhance your specialized knowledge, share practice tips and establish relationships with colleagues from all over the world.

International Affiliate of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (IAAND)
As a member of the international affiliate of the Academy, share knowledge and expertise with other food and nutrition experts from around the world. Affiliate membership is included with your Academy membership.

Member Interest Groups (MIGs)
Find members with common interests, issues or backgrounds by joining one of the Academy’s MIGs, focusing on areas other than practice or geographic location. The Global Member Interest Group focuses on improving the nutritional status in regions with high burdens of malnutrition or with nutritional crises through the sharing of information, resources, and ideas among Academy members.

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Joined in 2014

Academy membership is like air to my profession. I cannot work efficiently without it. When I consider the amazing benefits offered and gained, there is not a dollar value I can place on it.