2017 Standards Released
The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®) Board has released the 2017 Accreditation Standards for Nutrition and Dietetics Coordinated Programs (CP), Didactic Programs (DPD), Internship Programs (DI), Technician Programs (DT) and Foreign (FDE) and International (IDE) Dietitian Education Programs. The standards, guidance information, and crosswalks of the 2017 standards with the 2012 standards are posted on the ACEND Website. The 2017 Standards will go into effect for eligibility applications for new programs in nutrition and dietetics on September 1, 2016 and for existing accredited nutrition and dietetics programs on June 1, 2017. All programs will be expected to come into compliance with the 2017 Standards to earn or maintain ACEND accreditation. PARs submitted after June 1, 2017 and self-study reports submitted for site visits after June 1, 2017 will need to show compliance with the 2017 Standards. All programs will need to post on ACEND’s accreditation software their curriculum map and student learning outcomes assessment plans based on the 2017 Standards by January 1, 2018 to verify compliance with the 2017 Standards, random audits will be conducted to assure compliance.

Policy and Procedure Manual and Substantive Change Guidelines – Updated
ACEND has recently updated the Policy and Procedure Manual. Be sure to refer to the July 2016 edition of the Policy and Procedure Manual that is located in the Library of the Accreditation Community of the ACEND Portal and under “Publications” on the home page of the ACEND website when you are reviewing ACEND policies and procedures.

Preparation for the Fall 2016/Spring 2017 Internship Match
The D & D Digital and DICAS Fall 2016-2017 application portals have opened! The computer match deadline is September 25, 2016 at 11:59 pm Central Time. If your internship program will be participating in the fall 2016 internship match, please be sure the information on your website is accurate and up-to-date and indicate whether or not your program will be accepting student applications through the DICAS. Effective with the Spring 2017 match, NDEP’s Computer Match Committee updated its recommendations to improve the second round selection process. For more information about computer matching, the second round recommendations and contact information for DICAS and D&D Digital, please select the Computer Matching section of the ACEND Web site or click: Computer Matching.
Call for ACEND Program Reviewers

The ACEND Board is seeking directors of CP, DPD, DI and DT programs, practitioners and preceptors to serve as ACEND program reviewers. Benefits include continuing education credit for attending reviewer training; potential credit toward professional service requirements for promotion and tenure; learning about other nutrition and dietetics education programs; eligibility to become an ACEND board member; establishing new professional networks with educators and practitioners; gaining knowledge that can help prepare you for your own program or organization’s accreditation review; and contributing to the advancement of the profession.

Reviewers must be able to prepare for and travel to an initial training workshop and at least two, four-day on-site reviews of dietetics and nutrition programs each year, in addition to completing documentation for two paper reviews of program reports. Appointments are for three-year, renewable terms. Applicants must be registered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration and active members of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in order to be eligible for consideration. ACEND business-related expenses incurred while serving as a Program Reviewer, such as during training and site visits, are reimbursed by ACEND.

If you are interested in becoming an ACEND Program Reviewer, you must submit an application no later than November 1, 2016. For more information and to access the application visit: http://www.eatrightacend.org/ACEND/reviewers.aspx. If you are unable to apply at this time, please share this volunteer opportunity with other RDNs or NDTRs.

Nominations for ACEND Board Positions:

• Representative of the Public
  The ACEND Board is seeking a public member to serve a three-year term beginning in June 2017. A public member represents and brings the public’s perspective to ACEND. Those interested in serving as a public member should be willing to learn about the accreditation of entry-level nutrition and dietetics education programs and play an active role in accreditation decisions. A public member should not be associated with the profession of nutrition and dietetics, institutions accredited or seeking accreditation from ACEND or the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Please submit your nominee’s name with contact information no later than November 1, 2016 to acendnominations@eatright.org.

• Dietetics Student Representative
  Do you know any student members in the Academy with strong leadership skills who will be enrolled in an ACEND-accredited program during the 2017-2018 academic year? If so, consider nominating them for student representative to the ACEND Board. Student representatives serve a two-year term in which they actively participate in two face-to-face ACEND board meetings and ten conference calls per year. They are appointed to ACEND committees and participate in the Academy’s Student Council Advisory Committee. The ACEND student representative must be enrolled in an ACEND accredited program at least the first year of their two-year term. ACEND business related expenses incurred while serving as a Student Representative member are reimbursed by ACEND.
The student’s application must include the nomination form, a letter of interest, student’s resume and a letter of recommendation from a faculty member or program director in one PDF document submitted to acendnominations@eatright.org no later than **November 1, 2016**. To obtain an application form with submission information, click here: Student Application.

**ACEND’s 2016 Annual On-line Survey Is Coming in October**

Each year, program directors are required to submit information through an on-line survey about their program enrollment, student completion, graduate outcomes and other program characteristics as part of their assessment and management responsibilities to maintain accreditation. This information is also used to demonstrate that ACEND is meeting the U.S. Department of Education’s expectations for outcomes assessment. Program directors should have the following data readily available:

- 2016-2017 academic or program year enrollment data by gender and race/ethnicity
- 2015-2016 academic or program year data on number graduates or program completers by gender and race/ethnicity
- 2014-2015 academic or program year data on the graduate outcomes, 12 months after completion

ACEND will be sending an e-mail message with a unique ID number and a password to all program directors to enable them to access the 2016 annual survey in mid to late October.

**2017 Annual Accreditation fee - ACEND Quick Pay Option Available**

The ACEND annual accreditation fee will be due **March 1, 2017**. The annual fee covers costs associated with accreditation activities, program support, communications, staffing and office expenses. On **August 31st**, program directors will receive an email with a unique link to the ACEND Quick Pay online system to either make an online payment or print out the invoice and mail in the check. Payments received after the due date will incur a 10% late fee and the initiation of the Administrative Notification process. Since this online payment option is available, the 2017 annual invoices will no longer be mailed out. The current fee schedule is available on the ACEND Portal and ACEND’s website or click on the link: www.eatright.org/ACEND.

**Share Your Noteworthy Practices with Other Educators**

ACEND is continuing to identify Noteworthy Dietetics Practices among the ACEND-accredited programs and is highlighting its third selection of the year. ACEND would like to congratulate the following programs who were chosen based on their noteworthy practices in dietetics education!

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| Utah State University Dietetic Internship  
Nicole Vance, MS, RD, CD | Concordia College Didactic Program in Dietetics  
Dr. Betty Larson, RD, FADA |
| | University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center,  
Coordinated Program  
Peggy Turner, MS, RD/LD, FAND |

Visit the ACEND Website [here](#) to view the program’s noteworthy practices!
If you would like your noteworthy practice to be reviewed by ACEND’s Review Committee and possibly selected for the next quarter, please visit the Accreditation Forum Library under Other Information and Resources in ACEND portal at http://education.webauthor.com or go to the ACEND website www.eatright.org/ACEND to download the submission form. Please submit the completed submission form and supporting documentation to ACEND@eatright.org by Friday, October 21st. Noteworthy practices in the following topic areas are requested: Preceptor Recruitment and Recognition, Interprofessional Education, Curriculum (i.e. simulation, review process, integrated experience) and Program Improvement (i.e. data collection, technology, pass rate).

If your noteworthy practice is chosen next quarter, the practice will be posted to the ACEND website and in the ACEND UPdate in November 2016.

Program Directors Workshops – 2017 Accreditation Standards
The Program Director workshops are designed to help nutrition and dietetics education program directors learn the latest accreditation standards and specific details on how to prepare for self-study reports, program assessment reports and site visits under the ACEND accreditation standards. Interactive sessions will cover plans for pass rate improvement, how to conduct a self-study process, and how to work with ACEND staff and reviewers. Opportunities will be available for networking and for staff to answer questions about your reports. Individuals interested in applying to start a new ACEND program as well as newly appointed program directors are welcome and encouraged to attend. 12 hours (Level 2) CPE credit available for attendance.

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To register, visit the Upcoming Events webpage https://ams.eatright.org/eweb/StartPage.aspx?Site=ACAD2014 or visit the ACEND Portal to download the registration form and mail the completed form with a check payment. For more information, please call (312) 899-0040, extension 5400.

School Spirit: Bring Students to FNCE®
The Academy’s Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo™ helps instill professional practice beliefs, values, attitudes and behaviors in students that will prepare them for practice and lifelong learning. Educators: Give your students the best possible start in dietetics and bring them to FNCE®.

The Academy will recognize four nutrition and dietetics education programs, one for each program type: Didactic Program in Dietetics, Dietetic Internship, Coordinated Program in Dietetics and Dietetic Technician Program. The four education programs that bring the highest percentage of students to FNCE® will receive special recognition at FNCE® with President Lucille Beseler, MS, RDN, LDN, CDE, FAND, and complimentary site access for up to three Center for Lifelong Learning webinars. In case of a tie, a random drawing will be held of the programs with the highest percentage of attendees.
If you are interested in having your program considered for this opportunity, submit your number of total enrollment, number of students attending FNCE and the percentage this represents to education@eatright.org by September 26.

**FNCE® 2016 Calendar of Education Related Events**

Events of interest to educators have been scheduled for FNCE® 2016, several of which are listed below. Please be sure to consult your convention schedule on arrival at the meeting for more programs and any last minute changes:

**Sunday, October 16**

**Engaging Millennials: Creative Approaches in Dietetics Education**  
8:00 am – 9:30 am – Boston Convention and Exhibition Center

**ACEND Forum: Quality Nutrition and Dietetics Education: Planning for the Future**  
10:00 am – 11:30 pm – Boston Convention and Exhibition Center

**A Model for Global Collaboration: Educating Dietitians in International Settings**  
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm – Boston Convention and Exhibition Center

**Student Internship Fair**  
5:00 - 7:00 pm – Westin Boston Waterfront Harbor Ballroom

For questions contact ndep@eatright.org

**Monday, October 17**

**ACEND Program Director Individual Consultation Sessions with ACEND Managers**  
10:00 am – 11:00 am– Westin Boston Waterfront Harbor Ballroom

**ACEND/CDR Educator’s Round Table**  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm – ACEND, CDR joint round table discussions with educators- Westin Boston Waterfront Harbor Ballroom

**The Clinical Preceptor Experience: Goals, Time and Techniques to Enhance**  
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm - Boston Convention and Exhibition Center

**Tuesday, October 18**

**Supporting Students of Diverse Backgrounds during Dietetics Education**  
8:00 am – 9:30am – Boston Convention and Exhibition Center

**Sunday - Tuesday, October 16 - 18**

**ACEND Booth**

ACEND will staff an information booth Sunday through Tuesday; the new accreditation software will be available for review.
ACEND Accreditation Decisions
ACEND reviews applications and make accreditation decisions based on each education program’s ability to meet ACEND Accreditation Standards. Accredited programs as of August 2016:

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| US Programs Seeking Candidate Status           | 15  |
| International Programs Seeking Candidate Status| 0   |
| International Coordinated Programs             | 5   |

Visit the ACEND Portal for Forms and the most up-to-date information
The latest accreditation documents and forms such as verification statements, PAR and Self-Study Report templates and standards documents are available on the ACEND Portal.

2016-2017 Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics
The ACEND board is the governing unit of ACEND which grants final accreditation awards. ACEND is composed of a board of 15 members, a group of appointed peer reviewers, and staff members. Further information and the 2016-2017 Board members are available online.

ACEND Staff Contacts
ACEND staff members are available to provide consultation, guidance and support on meeting ACEND’s accreditation standards, policies and procedures. Please email ACEND@eatright.org, ISPP@eatright.org or call (312) 899-0040 extension 5400. Normal business hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Central Time, Monday through Friday. A list of ACEND staff is available online.

If you have questions about an article in this issue of the ACEND UPdate, ACEND or its activities, please contact the ACEND staff at ACEND@eatright.org. The ACEND UPdate is provided as a service to all ACEND-accredited programs. Please feel free to use portions of this newsletter along with an acknowledgment (see below) to inform your students, faculty, practitioners, administrators, and other program stakeholders:

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