Standards Committee Update
ACEND has two standards projects occurring concurrently. One is the review of the current 2012 Standards, which is required every five years by the US Department of Education. Thank you to those who provided input on the 2012 Standards in our survey this spring. ACEND is working on the revisions and expects to have the draft 2017 Standards available for public comment in spring, 2016. 

Earlier this year ACEND released recommendations for a future model of education for preparation of future nutrition and dietetics practitioners which includes preparation of a generalist dietitian nutritionist at the master’s level, elevating the preparation of nutrition and dietetics technicians to the bachelor’s level and preparing a nutrition health worker at the associate’s degree level. To learn more visit the ACEND Standards Committee webpage on the ACEND website. The webpage includes the Rationale Document, several webinars, and a Frequently Asked Questions information guide about the recommendations. ACEND expects to have draft standards and competencies for the future model programs available for public comment in fall, 2016. To help educators stay informed about the development of these new standards, ACEND will be distributing a monthly update. Monthly updates are available on the ACEND Standards Committee webpage. Questions about the Standards work can be sent to acend@eatright.org.

Preparation for the Fall 2015 Internship Match
The D and D Digital and DICAS Fall 2015-2016 application portals have opened! The computer match deadline is September 25, 2015 at 11:59 pm Central Time. If your internship program will be participating in the fall 2015 internship match, please be sure the information on your Web site is accurate and up-to-date and indicate whether or not your program will be accepting student applications through the Dietetic Internship Centralized Application System (DICAS). Effective with the Spring 2015 match, NDEP’s Second Round Match Task Force developed recommendations to improve the existing second round selection process. For more information about computer matching, the second round recommendations and DICAS, please select the Computer Matching section of the ACEND Web site or click: Computer Matching.
Spring 2015 Internship Computer Match

Data from the April 2015 dietetic internship match are now available. Total available internship positions increased by 1% or 28 additional positions over last year. However, there were 52 additional applicants in April 2015. In addition, 256 positions went unfilled during the first round match, resulting in a 50% match rate for April 2015. Program directors who provided information to D&D Digital reported that 195 additional applicants were placed in internships or ISPPs during the second round match resulting in 54% of applicants seeking supervised practice placement obtaining a position.

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<td>Positions Not Filled</td>
<td>218 (8%)</td>
<td>256 (9%)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Positions Available</strong></td>
<td>2836 (100%)</td>
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<td>Actual Match Rate (Preselect &amp; Matches)</td>
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<td>Match Potential (Positions/Applicants)</td>
<td>2836 (55%)</td>
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Program Directors Workshops

Price: $400

The Program Director workshops are designed to help dietetic 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 2012 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 (Level 2) CPE hours available for attendance and 7 CPE are available for completing the pre-workshop accreditation modules.

**Dates:** February 25-26, 2016 – Chicago, Illinois
June 13-14, 2016 – Chicago, Illinois
August 4-5, 2016 – Chicago, Illinois

Visit the ACEND Portal to download the registration form.
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 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 and complete documentation for two paper reviews of program reports. Appointments are for three-year, renewable terms.

Applicants must be current 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 for 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, 2015. For more information and to access the application click on: Reviewer Application. If you are unable to apply at this time, please share this volunteer opportunity with other RDNs or DTRs.

Nominations for ACEND Board Position: 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 2016-2017 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, 2015. To obtain an application form with submission information, click here: Student Application.
ACEND’s 2015 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:

- 2015-2016 academic or program year enrollment data by gender and race/ethnicity
- 2014-2015 academic or program year data on number graduates or program completers by gender and race/ethnicity
- 2013-2014 academic or program year data on the graduate outcomes, 12 months after completion

Due to the elimination of the Program Assessment Report, last year’s survey included additional questions on the graduate outcomes section, such as how many students have taken the RD or DTR exam over the previous year on the surveys for DI, CP and DTR programs, how many DT students enrolled in four-year degree programs in dietetics and financial support for the program.

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 2015 annual survey in mid to late October.

ACEND Fees Quick Pay

ACEND staff is announcing a new online payment option called ACEND Quick Pay. Starting July 2015, if a program is invoiced, the program director will receive an e-mail with a link to the ACEND Quick Pay webpage. You will have the option to pay online or print the invoice and mail a check payment. Since this new payment option is available, the 2016 annual accreditation fee invoices will no longer be mailed out in September. The program director will receive an email with a unique link to the ACEND Quick Pay online system to make an online payment or print out the invoice and mail in the check. We hope this new option will make the payment process easier and more convenient. The current fee schedule is available on the ACEND Portal and ACEND’s website or click on the link: www.eatright.org/ACEND.

Distance Education Fact Sheet

Many dietetic educators are exploring distance education options. ACEND staff has developed a fact sheet about interstate distance education regulations, which includes information about State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA). The fact sheet is available on the ACEND Portal Accreditation Forum Community Library.

Policy and Procedure Manual and Substantive Change Guidelines – Updated

ACEND has recently updated the Policy and Procedure Manual and Guidelines for Requesting Substantive Changes. Be sure to refer to the May 2015 edition of the Policy and Procedure Manual and June 30, 2015 version of the Guidelines for Requesting Substantive Changes that are located in the Library of the Accreditation Community of the ACEND Portal when you are preparing a major program change request or reviewing ACEND policies.
Food Insecurity/Food Banking Supervised Practice Concentration
Twenty-three dietetic internship programs pilot tested a new Food Insecurity/Food Banking Supervised Practice Concentration, and it’s now available to all educators! The activities were developed as part of the Academy Foundation’s Future of Food initiative, with a development team of nutrition and dietetics educators and RDNs from the Feeding America Network. Any of the activities can be used as stand-alone experiences, but the full concentration includes 12 activities to be completed within 120 practice hours. The activities are designed to help interns develop the knowledge and skills necessary for an entry level RDN position in a food bank, and provide the intern with experiences in nutrition education, food bank management, and food systems. The concentration was made possible through an educational grant from National Dairy Council to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation. The Preceptor’s Guide for the Food Insecurity/Food Banking Supervised Practice Concentration is available for download on the NDEP Portal at http://ndep.webauthor.com in the Library under the Food Insecurity/Food Banking Supervised Practice Concentration.

Verification Statements – Storage
A Program Director responsibility is to provide graduates with documentation that verifies program completion (ACEND Guideline 15.2.d). Verification statement procedures ensuring that all students/interns completing program requirements as established by the program receive verification statements. (ACEND Guideline 23.2.l). Verification Statements should have an original signature written in color ink, not black because of the difficulty in determining the authenticity of the original signature. The verification statements can be scanned and filed electronically showing the completed form including signatures and dates. The documents for each graduate should be retained indefinitely in the Program’s files, in a safe location known to another staff member besides the Program Director. The location of electronic versions would include a computer drive location and password (if the files are password protected). As a precaution, programs may consider a back-up system such as a jump drive and/or a paper copy in the event that computer issues occur during a site visit. The program can destroy the paper records after the site visit if the verification statements are saved electronically for the long term. The verification statement form and FAQ are available in the ACEND Website, ACEND Portal, click on Communities, click on Library, scroll the pull down menu to Verification Statement and Intent to Complete Forms and a Verification Statement FAQ.

Electronic Report Submission
In an effort to ease report submission, streamline operations and lessen paper waste, ACEND is requesting that programs submit all documents except self-study reports electronically to ACENDreports@eatright.org. This includes major program changes, program director changes, progress reports, interim reports, program responses to a site visit and Program Assessment Reports (PARs). The documents should be submitted in PDF format in sequential order. For large files you can send a link to the document that may be stored in a document storage site. Programs are no longer required to mail paper copies of these documents to ACEND, reports that must go to a review team will be forwarded to the team by ACEND staff. ACEND will continue to request both paper and electronic copies of the self-study report.
FNCE® 2015 Calendar of Education Related Events
Events of interest to educators have been scheduled for FNCE® 2015, 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 4

The New Competency-Based PDP Process
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm – Music City Center Room 102

Interprofessional Education Using Simulation: Strategies for Success and Sustainability
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm – Music City Center Room 106

Student Internship Fair
5:00 - 7:00 pm – Renaissance Hotel Grand Ballroom
For questions contact ndep@eatright.org

Monday, October 5

Educator’s Round Table
11:00 am - 12:30 pm – ACEND, CDR, NDEP Joint round table discussions with educators- Omni Nashville Hotel Legends D Ballroom

ACEND Program Director Individual Consulting Sessions with ACEND Managers
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm– Omni Nashville Hotel Legends D Ballroom

Preceptors’ Mindsets: A Comparison to Non-Preceptors with New Possibilities
1:30 pm – 3: 00 pm - Music City Center Room 209

NDEP Education Session: Dietetics? You’re In Business! Set Your Sights at 20:20
3:30 pm – 5: 00 pm - Music City Center Grand B

NDEP Member Reception and Meeting – RSVP only
5:15pm – 6:30pm- Omni Nashville Hotel Legends D Ballroom

Tuesday, October 6

ACEND Forum: Quality Nutrition and Dietetics Education: Present Realities, Future Innovations
12:00pm – 1:30pm – Music City Center Room 103

Preceptor Awards at FNCE 2015
In conjunction with preceptor recruiting efforts, the Academy will be hosting activities at the Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo (FNCE®) in 2015 to recognize the vital contribution that preceptors make to our profession. The award will include complementary registration to FNCE® 2015. The 2015 Outstanding Preceptors will receive their awards at the NDEP Member Reception and Meeting on Monday, October 5th.
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 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 Dr. Evelyn Crayton, EdD, RDN, LDN, FAND, and complimentary access to the live webinar series through the Academy Center for Lifelong Learning/Professional Development. 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 18, 2015.

NEW! Noteworthy Practice in Nutrition and Dietetics Education
ACEND has begun to identify Noteworthy Nutrition and Dietetics Education Practices among the ACEND-accredited programs. ACEND would like to highlight one program per quarter for its noteworthy practices on the ACEND website and ACEND UPdate Newsletter. ACEND will post the noteworthy practice topic and due dates for practice submissions via email blasts and newsletter articles. Submission deadlines and topics may vary throughout the year. Stay tuned for more information.

Webinar on Portal Use Now Available
A webinar demonstrating how to navigate the ACEND Portal is now available. You may view it by clicking the following link: Portal Webinar.

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

Finding Information on the ACEND Portal
To log into the portal:
1. Go to the ACEND home page at www.eatright.org/ACEND
2. Find the ACEND Portal area on the right hand of the screen
3. Click “Log in and Learn More”
4. Enter your email address and password
   OR
1. Go directly to the portal at http://education.webauthor.com
If you are a program director and need a new password, click on the “Forgot your password?” section of the sign on screen.
Departing Board Members in May 2015
The ACEND Board and staff would like to recognize the following individuals for their service and support to the ACEND Board over the past three years:

- Anne Kendall, PhD, RD, LDN, Senior Lecturer, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida
- Lauri Y. Wright, PhD, RD, LD, Assistant Professor of Nutrition, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida
- Betty J. Larson, EdD, RD, LRD, FADA, Director, Didactic Program and Professor, Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota
- Shyamala Ganesh, MS, RD, LD, Director, Dietetic Internship, University of Minnesota Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Amelia Larkin, MS, DTR, Long Term Card Consultant, Miami, Florida
- Emily Palczewski, Student Member, Former Intern, University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers, Ann Arbor, Michigan

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 2015:

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| US Programs Seeking Candidate Status           | 8   |
| International Programs Seeking Candidate Status| 0   |
| International Coordinated Programs             | 5   |

2015-2016 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 2015-2016 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:

ACEND Update (August 2015), Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics - www.eatright.org/ACEND.