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Standards Committee Update

ACEND is continuing its work on two standards initiatives. The first is the revision of the 2012 Standards for release as the 2017 Standards, which is required every five years by the US Department of Education. The draft 2017 Standards were released for comment in early February. The draft standards, a webinar explaining the changes and crosswalk documents detailing the links between the 2017 and 2012 Standards can be found on the ACEND Standards Committee webpage. ACEND would appreciate your input on the draft standards at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017Std2.

The second initiative is the development of standards for the future education model. The recommended model includes preparation of nutrition and dietetics practitioners at the associate’s, bachelor’s and master’s degree levels. Draft competencies for each of the degree levels were developed in summer 2015 by a group of subject matter experts and underwent a first-line review by approximately 100 nutrition and dietetics practitioners, educators and key stakeholders in fall 2015. A validation study of the draft competencies will be held in spring 2016. ACEND anticipates that a draft set of standards and competencies for the future education model associate’s, bachelor’s and master’s degrees will be available for public comment in fall 2016.

To learn more visit the ACEND Standards Committee webpage or join the monthly ACEND Virtual Town Hall meetings which are held on the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Central time. Questions about the Standards work also can be sent to acend@eatright.org.

Share Your Noteworthy Practices with Other Educators

ACEND has begun to identify Noteworthy Dietetics Practices among the ACEND-accredited programs and is highlighting its first selection of the year. ACEND would like to congratulate the following programs who were chosen based on their noteworthy practices in dietetics education! Visit the ACEND Website here to view the program’s noteworthy practices!

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<tr>
<th>Noteworthy Practice: Curriculum</th>
<th>Noteworthy Practice: Program Improvement</th>
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| • University of New Hampshire Dietetic Internship  
  Joanne D. Burke, PhD, RD, LD | • Georgia State University Coordinated Program  
  Jessica Todd MS, RD, LD |
| • Minneapolis VA Health Care System Dietetic Internship  
  Heidi Hoover MS, RD, LD and  
  Allison Greenwood MS, RD, LD |

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 Other Information and Resources section of the
Accreditation Forum Library in the ACEND portal at [http://education.webauthor.com](http://education.webauthor.com) or go to the ACEND website [www.eatright.org/ACEND](http://www.eatright.org/ACEND) to download the submission form. Please submit the completed submission form and supporting documentation to ACEND@eatright.org by April 18, 2016. Noteworthy practices in the following topics 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 newsletter in May 2016.

**Discussions at Spring NDEP Regional Meetings**
Representatives from the ACEND board and staff will participate in several sessions at the 2016 NDEP Regional Meetings to answer questions and to listen to NDEP member concerns. Updates will be provided and input obtained on both the 2017 draft Standards and the future education model associate, bachelor and master degree program standards. Board and staff members are scheduled to attend the following meetings:

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Area 1: Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California</th>
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<td>March 13 - 15</td>
<td>Maxine McElligott (Board Member) Mary Gregoire (Staff)</td>
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<td>Merievelyn Stuber (Board Member) Mary Gregoire (Staff) Lauren Bozich (Staff) Mandy Kalway (Staff)</td>
<td>Kathy Creedon (Board Member) Mary Gregoire (Staff) Mary Ann Taccona (Staff)</td>
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**Spring 2016 Internship Computer Match**
As was reported in the August 2015 ACEND Update, the NDEP Second Round Task Force Committee developed recommendations to improve the existing second round selection process. As a reminder, one of the recommendations has resulted in a change in the computer match calendar. **Matched applicants will now have 24 hours to accept a match.** Matching results will be available Sunday, April 3, 2016 beginning at 6:00 pm Central Time and on Monday, April 4, 2016 matched applicants must contact the Dietetic Internship Director **before 6:00 PM (time zone of the program)** to confirm acceptance of their appointment. Once the notification period is over, DI directors with available openings will be allowed time to invite unmatched applicants they originally entered on the list submitted to D&D Digital to attend their program. Non-matched applicants will have access to the list of DI programs with openings at **11 am (Central Time) the Thursday after the match.** DI directors are encouraged to accept second round applications **until 12 noon (Central Time) 6 days (Saturday)**
after match day. DI directors may begin inviting applicants into their DI program after 12 noon (Central Time) on **Saturday, April 9th**, 6 days after match day. Another Task Force recommendation is that DI Directors adhere to the recommended second round match timeframe and post their second round selection procedures on their website prior to the first round match in the event they have open slots at the end of the first round match. Dietetic Internship Directors, take time now to review your website to be sure accurate and up-to-date information about your program is posted.

**Current Review Cycle**
On January 2016, site visit notification letters were e-mailed to programs who are scheduled to have site visits in 2017. Due to the current review cycle timeframe changing from a ten-year review cycle to a seven-year process and the change in frequency of ACEND board meetings each year, some programs site visit timeframes have changed. For your convenience, if you have a site visit within the next year, here are important dates you can use for planning:

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<td>Sept-December 2016</td>
<td>December 1, 2015</td>
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**National Preceptor Month**
April is fast approaching, which means, so will the fourth annual National Preceptor Month. For the past three years, National Preceptor Month has been a huge success. We would like to thank everyone who got involved and helped us thank our preceptors all across the U.S.

National Preceptor Month is an occasion to recognize and thank the practitioners who make the time and effort to create the next generation of professionals by teaching students in their workplace. In order to help recognize the importance of preceptors and participate in National Preceptor Month, we are asking program directors to take a little time to thank their preceptors and encourage their students to do the same.

Keep in mind that it’s important to thank preceptors who took the time to teach and mentor students not just during National Preceptor Month, but also throughout the year. We are all very excited about the upcoming events so make sure to keep an eye out for more information on National Preceptor Month in April and begin to plan your events and many ways to say thanks to your preceptors! For more information on National Preceptor Month or Preceptor Recruitment, contact preceptor@eatright.org

**Outstanding Dietetics Educator Awards, 2016**
The Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award recognizes the teaching, mentoring, and leadership activities of faculty and preceptors in dietetics education programs that are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics. The selection of awardees is determined by the Nutrition and Dietetic Educators and Preceptors Group. Congratulations to these Outstanding Educators:
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| 1    | Mikelle McCoin, MPH, RD  
University of California Berkeley | Coleen Kaiser, MS, RD, LN  
Montana State University | Samantha Ramsay, PhD, RDN, LD  
University of Idaho |
| 2    | Katie Eliot, PhD, RD  
Saint Louis University | Hillary Roberts, MS, RDN, LN  
Missouri State University | LaGreta Hudson, MS, RDN, LD, CDE  
University of Missouri |
| 3    | Barbara Hopkins, MMSc, RD, LD  
Georgia State University | Susan Miller, MS, RD, LD  
University of Alabama at Birmingham |  |
| 4    | Stephen Clarke, PhD, RD  
Oklahoma State University | Christina Shepard, MS, RD, FAND  
Arizona State University | Peggy Turner, MS, RDN, LD, FAND  
University of Oklahoma Health Science Center |
| 5    | Jennifer Dalton, MS, RDN, LD  
University of Dayton | Lauren Melnick, MS, RD, LD  
Cleveland Clinic | Barbara Mayfield, MS, RDN, LD, CP  
Purdue University |
| 6    | Nicole Clark, DCN, RD, LDN, CDE  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania | Kati Fosselius, MS, RD, LDN  
Cedar Crest College | Ann Marie Kuchera, MS, MA, RD, LPC  
University of Pittsburgh |
| 7    | Paula A Quatromoni, PhD, RD, LDN  
Boston University | Lisa Brown, PhD, RDN, LD  
Simmons College |  |

**ACEND Professional Development Web Page**

All the ACEND professional development offerings including workshops, tutorials, webinars and the new journal club information are now listed and accessible from one place on the ACEND web site. Check them out by clicking the ‘See Opportunities’ link in the blue box titled ‘ACEND Professional Development’ located on the right side of our main page at: eatright.org/ACEND

**Journal Club – An Opportunity to Earn CPE Credits**

As part of ACEND’s mission to promote quality and innovation in dietetics education, ACEND is providing support for earning Journal Club CPE credits at no cost. Hosting a Journal Club allows you to interact with your peers and keep abreast of recent research and information related to dietetics. While ACEND cannot directly provide these CPE credits, it has developed tips and discussion agendas for suggested articles you can use to get started. All participants of the Journal Club peer discussion can submit for CPE credits. For information on submitting your CPE credits, click CDR Professional Development Portfolio (PDP) Guide. For ACEND’s Journal Club information, click Journal Club Directions.

**Program Directors Workshops**

**Price:** $400/$450 (new fee starting October 2016)

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 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. 12.5 hours (Level 2) CPU credit available for attendance.

**Dates:**  
October 14-15, 2016 – Boston, Massachusetts at FNCE® (2017 Standards)  

To register online, 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.

**CDR Pass Rate Reports**

Pearson VUE distributes several reports with CDR pass rate data to programs. One report titled, ACEND – Summary of Candidate Testing, contains first time and one year pass rate data. This is the report that ACEND uses when evaluating program pass rates. This report includes data from all students who take the registration exam, including those who time out of the exam before finishing it. A second report titled, Five Year Summary, contains information about the program’s total score on the registration exam and the sub scores for nutrition and foodservice. It also contains first time pass rate data. This report only includes data from students who completed the registration exam; it does not include data on students who timed out of the exam. The first time pass rate on these two reports will differ for programs who had students who timed out of the exam before finishing. ACEND uses the first time pass rate data from the ACEND – Summary of Candidate Testing report.

**Coming Soon - New Registration Eligibility Processing System (REPS)**

CDR is excited to announce the launch of a new and improved online Registration Eligibility Process System (REPS) which will replace the current Credential Registration Management System (CRMS). CDR’s goal in developing REPS was to use program director feedback to create a system which provides a more user-friendly format for program directors to efficiently and accurately submit their students for registration eligibility. REPS will launch on March 1, 2016. CDR is replacing the current random audit system, with a requirement that all supporting eligibility documentation (transcripts, verification statements, etc.) be included with every submission. This feature will eliminate the need for and delay incurred with mailing hard-copy audit documents. All required documentation will be attached via pdf file(s) within REPS. CDR is required by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) to take on the responsibility of primary source verification for all candidates applying for eligibility for the Registration Examination for Dietitians or Dietetic Technicians. Program directors can click here to access a step-by-step user manual for navigating through REPS, submitting eligibility classes and searching through submission history. CDR staff will be available to assist with registration eligibility submissions as well as to answer general questions about system functionality. If you have questions regarding the launch of REPS, please contact Rebecca Beavers at 800-877-1600 ext. 4781, rbeavers@eatright.org.

**Academy Foundation Scholarship Application Deadline March 18**

The Foundation is committed to providing scholarships to dietetics students at all levels of study. Scholarships are funded by individual donors, state and regional affiliates, dietetic practice groups and Academy partners including Colgate-Palmolive Company, Commission on Dietetic Registration, ConAgra Foods, ILSI North America, New Jersey Dietetic Association and Mead Johnson Nutrition. The scholarship application is now open and it is an online process. View a list of 2015 Scholarship recipients. Please submit inquiries to scholarship@eatright.org.

**Academy Foundation Research Grants for Students --Deadline to Apply April 1, 2016**

Please promote the following research grants with an April 1st deadline to dietetic students. Apply now for the following Academy Foundation Research Grants:
**Amy Joye Memorial Research Award**
This grant is given to honor the memory of Amy Joye by fostering the scientific development of future nutrition leaders, especially in South Carolina and Georgia. Applicants are required to work with a mentor whose projects involve human research and focus on: Obesity prevention/weight control, Dietary assessment methodology to investigate/enhance accuracy of dietary reports or Fruit/vegetable gardens. Grant amount: $5,000.

**Ann A. Hertzler Research Grant**
Provides funding for research proposals based on the Academy's Research Agenda for Dietetics. Grant amount: $5,000.

**Diabetes Care and Education (DCE) DPG**

**Karen Goldstein Memorial Grant for Diabetes MNT Application**
Provides financial support to a Diabetes Care and Education DPG member for outcomes research in diabetes medical nutrition therapy. Grant amount: $20,000. Available every other year.

**Dietitians in Nutrition Support DPG Research Grant**
Provides research funding to a Dietitians in Nutrition Support DPG member. Grant amount: $10,000.

**Herbert D. and Nylda Gemple Research Grant**
Grant is given to encourage the development of and excellence in innovative and unique models to study the correlation of diet and nutrition in treating neurological disorders. Grant amount: $5,000.

**Julie O'Sullivan Maillet Research Grant**
Grant is given for a research project that aims to demonstrate the value of dietetics professionals on the health of the public or demonstrate the evolving role of dietetics professionals in the profession. Grant amount: $1,000.

**Vegetarian Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group Research Grant**
Grant is given for innovative research relating to vegetarian nutrition to an individual who has been a member of the Vegetarian Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group for at least two years. Grant amount: $10,000.

For more information or to access the applications, visit, [http://www.eatright.org/Foundation/content.aspx?id=6921](http://www.eatright.org/Foundation/content.aspx?id=6921) Questions may be directed to 800/877-1600, ext. 4767 or adonatell@eatright.org.

**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 February 2016:

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<th>Total Number of Active US-Based ACEND Programs</th>
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<td>US Dietetic Technician Programs</td>
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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](http://www.eatright.org/ACEND)
2. Find the ACEND Portal area on the right hand of the screen
3. Click “Log in”
4. Enter your email address and password
   OR
1. Go directly to the portal at [http://education.webauthor.com](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.

**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.

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