Standards Committee Update

ACEND is continuing its work on two standards initiatives. The draft 2017 Standards were released for comment in early February. ACEND received input from more than 700 stakeholders about the draft standards. The Standards Committee is reviewing the input and determining what changes will be made in the draft standards. If substantial changes are made, a second draft of the 2017 Standards will be released for public comment in June. All existing CP, DPD, DI, DTR, FDE and IDE programs will be expected to come into compliance with the 2017 standards. There have not been any decisions made at this time to eliminate the existing program types; CP, DPD, DI, DTR, FDE and IDE programs will continue to be accredited by ACEND.

The second initiative is the development of standards for the future education model associate, bachelor and master degree level programs. A validation study of the draft competencies was held in spring 2016. ACEND anticipates that a draft set of standards and competencies for the future education model programs 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. Starting with the June 9 call, the meetings will be held at 4:00 pm Central time. Questions about the Standards work also can be sent to acend@eatright.org.

Preparing for the ACEND Accreditation Review - 2012 Standards

New self-paced program director training – available anytime, anywhere!

This course prepares participants to take part in the ACEND accreditation process using the 2012 standards, to accurately complete a Program Assessment Report (PAR) or Self-Study Report and effectively plan for an accreditation site visit. The course includes the ACEND Accreditation “U” Foundation Modules, the ACEND 2012 Standards Webinars collection and the new workbook activities, for the same cost as if purchasing only the Webinars and Foundation Modules.

The Participant Workbook includes links to assigned readings, webinars and quizzes; a question and answer log; and worksheet activities that guide participants step-by-step through the process, resulting in a draft of selected PAR or Self-Study Report sections.

Earn 19 CPE credits by completing all workbook activities, readings, webinars and quizzes. Click Preparing for the ACEND Accreditation Review - 2012 Standards for pricing and to purchase the course.
Spring 2016 Internship Computer Match Results
Data from the April 2016 dietetic internship match are now available. Total available internship positions increased by 4% or 128 additional positions over last year with only 8 more applicants participating this match cycle. 316 positions went unfilled during the first round match, resulting in a 51% match rate for April 2016. As of May 9, 2016, program directors who provided information to D&D Digital reported that 244 additional applicants were placed in internships or ISPPs during the second round match resulting in 56% of applicants seeking supervised practice placement obtaining a position, a 2% increase over April 2015 results.

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<th>April 2015</th>
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<td>Students Matched</td>
<td>2479(48%)</td>
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<td>Students Preselected</td>
<td>129(2%)</td>
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<td>Students Not Matched</td>
<td>2584(50%)</td>
<td>2524(49%)</td>
<td>(60)(-2%)</td>
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<td>Total Applicants</td>
<td>5192(100%)</td>
<td>5200(100%)</td>
<td>8(&lt;1%)</td>
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<td>Positions Filled through the Match</td>
<td>2479(87%)</td>
<td>2500</td>
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<td>129 (4%)</td>
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<td>Positions Not Filled</td>
<td>256 (9%)</td>
<td>316</td>
<td>60(23%)</td>
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<td>Total Positions Available</td>
<td>2864 (100%)</td>
<td>2992</td>
<td>128(4%)</td>
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<td>Positions Needed for a 100% Match</td>
<td>2328 (100%)</td>
<td>2206(100%)</td>
<td>-122(-5%)</td>
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<td>Actual Match Rate (Preselect &amp; Matches)</td>
<td>2608(50%)</td>
<td>2676(51%)</td>
<td>68(3%)</td>
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<td>Match Potential (Positions/Applicants)</td>
<td>2864 (55%)</td>
<td>2992(58%)</td>
<td>128(4%)</td>
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Program Directors Workshops
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. 12.5 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](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.
Share Your Noteworthy Practices with Other Educators

ACEND has continued 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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| Iowa State University, Dietetic Internship  
Erin Bergquist, MPH, RD, CNSC, LD | Kansas State University, Didactic Program in Dietetics/ Coordinated Program  
Kevin Sauer, PhD, RDN, LD and Amber Howells, PhD, RDN, LD | Memphis VA Dietetic Internship  
Jacqueline Roos, MS, RDN, LDN, CDE and  
Michelle Grabowski, RDN, LDN |

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 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, July 15, 2016. 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 newsletter.

2016 Outstanding Preceptor Award Winners

These awards, funded by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation, are intended to recognize preceptors for vital contributions they have made to the profession. ACEND would like to congratulate the following Outstanding Preceptor Award winners.

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<td>1</td>
<td>Anne Goetze, RD, LD, FAND</td>
<td>Senior Director, Nutrition Affairs</td>
<td>Oregon Dairy and Nutrition Council, Portland, OR</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Kristin Cunningham, RD, LD</td>
<td>Dietitian</td>
<td>BJC School Outreach and Youth Development, Saint Louis, MO</td>
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<td>Lynn Thomas, RD, LD, CSG</td>
<td>Director of Dietary Services</td>
<td>NHC Healthcare Lexington, West Columbia, SC</td>
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<td>Katie Braun, MS, RD, LD, CNSC</td>
<td>Clinical Nutrition Specialist</td>
<td>Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX</td>
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<td>Patricia Prince-Griffin, MS, RDN, LDN</td>
<td>Clinical Dietitian</td>
<td>Memphis VA Medical Center, Memphis, TN</td>
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<td>Kelly Ratteree, MPH, RD</td>
<td>Clinical Research Dietitian</td>
<td>National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD</td>
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<td>Colette Murphy Cole, MS, RD</td>
<td>Community Nutritionist/Dietitian</td>
<td>Trinitas Regional Medical Center; Women’s Health Center, Elizabeth, NJ</td>
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**CDR REPS online application processing system – Coordinated Program Update**

For all Coordinated Programs: If a CP has accepted students who have completed a DPD, the Program Director needs to add the optional DPD field to the graduates’ education information section in REPS. By adding this option, the system is able to provide these DPD programs with examination summary reports that include their graduates who completed supervised practice through coordinated programs; providing DPD programs more accurate pass rate data.

If you have any questions about the REPS system, please contact Elaine Butler, Manager-CDR, 800/877-1600, ext. 4859, ebutler@eatright.org.

**Strategies to Improve Pass Rate Tip Sheet**

ACEND has developed a tip sheet, “Strategies to Improve Registration Exam Pass Rate,” to provide program directors of ACEND-accredited programs guidance to improve a program’s registration exam pass rate. To download the tip sheet, visit the ACEND portal at https://education.webauthor.com and it can be found under Community, Accreditation Forum, Library, Accreditation Forms, Pass Rate Tools.

**Nominations for ACEND Board Position: 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.

**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 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 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](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.

June 1, 2016 Appointments to the ACEND Board

The following individuals will serve on the ACEND board of directors starting in June of this year:

- Wanda Eastman, PhD, RD, LD – Vice Chair, ACEND
  Director, Dietetic Internship, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico
- Rayane AbuSabha, PhD, RD – Dietetic Internship (DI) Program Representative-elect,
  Master’s Program Director, Nutrition Science Department, The Sages Colleges, Troy, New York
- Cheryl Bacon, MS, RD, LDN, CNSD, CSO – Dietetic Technician Program (DT) Representative-elect,
  Director, Dietetic Internship, Ingalls Memorial Hospital, Harvey, Illinois
- Alyssa L. Archdeacon – Student Representative-elect,
  Intern, Dietetic Internship, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
- Effective on June 1, 2016, Sharon K. Schwartz, MS, RD, LDN will be assuming the position of Chair of the ACEND board and Maxine C. McElligott, MA, RD, LMNT, CDE will become the Past Chair.

The ACEND board wishes to acknowledge and thank the following board members whose terms will expire on May 31, 2016:

- Merievelyn Stuber, MS, RD, CPPS, CPHQ – Past Chair
- Alexis Fissinger – Student Representative
- Suzanne M. Leson, PhD, RDN, LD – Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) Representative
- Doris J. Wang, MPH, RD, LD – Coordinated Program in Dietetics (CP) Representative

The ACEND board also wishes to acknowledge and thank the following reviewers whose terms will end May 31, 2016. We appreciate your dedication and contribution to the field of nutrition and dietetics education!

- Judith C. Anglin, PhD, RD
- Simone P. Camel, MS, RD, LD, LDN
- Dean J. Chiarelli, MA, RD, HFS, CHES, REHS
- Beth M. Egan, MS, RD
- Babbi L. Hawkins, MS, RD, LDN
- Nancy R. Hudson, MS, RD
- Marie Y. Kamp, MBA, RD, LDN
- Kessey J. Kieselhorst, MPA, RD, CDE, LDN
- Patricia A. Lynch, PhD, RD, LDN
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 May 2016:

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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 side 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](mailto:ACEND@eatright.org), [ISPP@eatright.org](mailto: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](mailto: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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