ACEND® UPdate
The On-line Newsletter for ACEND-Accredited Programs November 2015

ACEND’s 2015 Annual Report: Deadline December 18
On November 2nd, ACEND sent 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. Program directors must submit information through the on-line survey about their program enrollment, student completion, and other program characteristics as part of their assessment and management responsibilities to maintain accreditation. The information is also used to demonstrate that ACEND is meeting the U.S. Department of Education’s expectations for outcomes assessment. The submission due date is December 18, 2015. A late submission fee of $150 will be assessed after the due date. If you did not receive the e-mail message, please contact ACEND staff at annualreport@eatright.org.

Annual Accreditation Fees Due March 1, 2016
Please mark your calendars! The $1850 annual accreditation fee must be submitted by March 1, 2016 to avoid a 10% late fee and the initiation of the Administrative Notification process. Email messages with a link to ACEND Quick Pay online system were sent to program directors on September 9. You have the option to pay online or print the invoice and mail a check payment. Annual fee invoices will not be mailed to program directors. The annual fee covers costs associated with accreditation activities, program support, communications, staffing and office expenses. The current fee schedule is available on the Academy’s Web site at www.eatright.org/acend. Contact Eva Donovan, Coordinator, Education Projects and Fees at edonovan@eatright.org if you have questions.

Share Your Noteworthy Practices with Other Educators
ACEND has begun to identify Noteworthy Dietetics Practices among the ACEND-accredited programs and would like to highlight one or more programs for noteworthy practices each quarter on the ACEND website and in the ACEND UPdate Newsletter. 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). ACEND will post due dates for practice submissions via email blasts and newsletter articles. If you would like your noteworthy practice to be reviewed by ACEND’s Review Committee, 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 January 11th, 2016. If your noteworthy practice is chosen, the practice will be posted to the ACEND website and in the ACEND UPdate newsletter in February 2016.
2016 Computer Match Updates
The computer match calendars and program director responsibilities have been updated for the Spring and Fall 2016 matches. The spring 2016 computer match deadline is Monday, February 15, 2016 at 11:59 pm Central Time. Please visit the Computer Matching section of the ACEND website at http://www.eatrightacend.org/ACEND/content.aspx?id=6442485425 to view computer match timelines, instructional videos and program director and student responsibilities.

Spring and Fall 2016 Computer Match Changes
The Second Round Selection Application Notification day has been shortened to 6 days, from 10 days, after the match. The Computer Match Committee based their decision from feedback provided by a focus group consisting of DI directors who participated in the second round selection and DPD directors who had students applying in the second round selection. The new guidelines are:

- On Saturday April 9, 2016 after 12 pm (Central Time) DI Directors may invite applicants, who applied to their program during the second round, into their DI programs.
- DI directors may choose how they determine when they extend their invitations (e.g., rolling admission, first come, first serve, only invite qualified applicants after committee review, etc.).

The remainder of the Spring 2016 Second Round Match guidelines will remain the same as the Spring 2015 guidelines. Matched applicants will 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.

DICAS Portal Closing Update and Spring 2016 Enhancements
DICAS needs to close between cycles in order to perform any updates needed for the next cycle. This year, it will be closed starting on Monday, November 30th at 11:59pm CST until Wednesday, December 9th at 11:00am CST. During this timeframe, DICAS will be inaccessible. The NDEP Computer Match Committee worked with DICAS representatives to develop enhancements that will be implemented with the Spring 2016 match. The 2016 enhancements are listed on the ACEND Web site at http://www.eatrightacend.org/ACEND/content.aspx?id=6442485425.

DICAS References – Important Notice
Due to changes made to the scoring model of the reference ratings grid, letters of reference submitted before the launch of the DICAS Spring 2016 application cycle on December 9, 2015, WILL NOT be carried over. This includes letters submitted during ALL previous cycles. Please be advised, if your students are preparing applications for the upcoming spring cycle, it is strongly recommended that they do not submit a request for letters of reference until the spring portal has officially opened on December 9, 2015.

DICAS and D&D Fee Changes
- Effective Spring 2016, the application fee for the first designation for DICAS will increase to $45, from $40.
- Effective Fall 2016, the fee per applicant to register for the match with D&D Digital will increase to $55, from $50.
Spring and Fall 2015 Internship Computer Match Results

Data from the April and November 2015 computer match are now available. Total available internship positions increased by 3% or 80 slots over last year and 195 new internship positions became available since 2013. Of the available positions, 288 positions went unfilled, resulting in a 49% actual match rate for the year. Assuming that all available slots (3158) were filled after the second round match, 54% of applicants seeking a dietetic internship match could potentially have obtained an internship position. Close to 300 additional supervised practice slots are available through the 45 ACEND accredited programs that offer Individualized Supervised-Practice Pathways (ISPPs), which allows placement for even more applicants after the match.

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<td>Students Matched</td>
<td>2723 (47%)</td>
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<td>Students Preselected</td>
<td>131 (2%)</td>
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<td>Students Not Matched</td>
<td>2950 (51%)</td>
<td>2983 (51%)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Applicants</strong></td>
<td>5804 (100%)</td>
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<td>Positions Filled through the Match</td>
<td>2723 (88%)</td>
<td>2734 (87%)</td>
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<td>Preselect Positions</td>
<td>131 (5%)</td>
<td>136 (4%)</td>
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<td>Positions Not Filled</td>
<td>224 (7%)</td>
<td>288 (9%)</td>
<td>64 (29%)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Positions Available</strong></td>
<td>3078 (100%)</td>
<td>3158 (100%)</td>
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<td>Match Potential (Positions/Applicants)</td>
<td>2854 (49%)</td>
<td>2870 (49%)</td>
<td>16 (1%)</td>
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<td>3078 (53%)</td>
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ACEND has recently received data on the percentage of applicants who were not ranked by any internship program to which they applied. During the 2015 match year, of the 5853 applicants, 38% were never ranked. Data available since 2010 are in the table, below.

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2011</td>
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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 ACEND Standards Committee is reviewing the environmental scan, stakeholder input about the current 2012 Standards and the CDR practice audit report to help prepare the draft 2017 Standards. The ACEND Board anticipates that the draft standards will be available for public comment in spring 2016.

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 currently are undergoing a first-line review by approximately 150 nutrition and dietetics practitioners, educators and key stakeholders. Based upon input received during the first-line review, the competencies will be modified before undergoing a validation study 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 on the ACEND website. The webpage includes the Rationale Document, several webinars, monthly updates and a Frequently Asked Questions information guide about the recommendations. In addition to these resources, the webpage also contains information about how to join the monthly ACEND Virtual Town Hall meetings which began in November and will continue on the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Central time. The next virtual town hall will be held on December 10th. We invite all educators and other stakeholders to attend. Questions about the Standards work also can be sent to acend@eatright.org.

Notification of ACEND Policy Changes

A revised version of the ACEND Policy and Procedure Manual will be placed on the ACEND website and portal December 1, 2015. This revised version will contain updates to the following sections of the manual:

- 1.1 Composition, Functions and Responsibilities of ACEND
- 1.5 Program Reviewers
- 2.1 Application for Candidacy for Accreditation
- 4.3 Substantive Program Changes

Contact ACEND staff at acend@eatright.org if you have any questions about the policy revisions.
Program Director Workshops
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. The February and June 2016 workshops will cover the 2012 ACEND accreditation standards for those writing a self-study report or PAR in 2016. New this year, ACEND will offer the program director workshop prior to FNCE in Boston. The program director workshop presented in Boston will focus on preparing a self-study report or PAR based on the 2017 standards (revised 2012 standards). During the workshops interactive sessions cover plans for pass rate improvement, how to conduct a self-study process, and how to work with ACEND staff and reviewers. 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 is available for attendance.

Dates/Location:  
- October 14-15, 2016 – Boston, MA (2017 standards)

2016 NDEP Spring Area Meetings
NDEP holds spring meetings throughout the country each year. There are eight Regional Directors who are currently planning a total of four spring meetings for 2016. Online registration for meetings will begin in January 2016. More information regarding the meetings and registration when available will be posted to the NDEP website www.ndepnet.org.

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<th>Area</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Location</th>
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| 1    | Sunday March 13th – Tuesday, March 15 | Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, CA | Anne Shovic - shovic@hawaii.edu  
Wendy Buchan - wbuchan@csus.edu |
| 2/5  | Thursday, March 31st – Friday, April 1st | DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Memphis, 5069 Sanderlin Avenue Memphis, TN | Laurie Kruzich - lkruzich@iastate.edu  
Adam Burda - amburda@mail.wvu.edu |
| 3/4  | Friday, April 15th – Saturday April 16th | Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, 500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA | Cindy Moore - moo81@cox.net  
Kristy Becker - kristy.becker2@va.gov |
| 6/7  | Thursday, April 21st – Friday, April 22nd | Adam’s Mark Buffalo Hotel  
120 Church Street, Buffalo, NY | Mary Dean Coleman - mdc15@psu.edu  
Kathy Border - borderk@dyc.edu |

ACEND Reviewer Recognition
Congratulations to the following ACEND Program reviewers for their length of service and contributions to the accreditation process. The program reviewers were recognized at the ACEND 2015 Program Reviewer Workshop in Nashville:

- Nancy Hudson - 22 years
- Kara Freeman - 22 years
- Linda Young - 21 years
- Anne Kendall - 16 years
- Cheryl Houston - 15 years
- Miriam Ballejos – 12 years
- Kevin Haubrick – 12 years
- Janice Sandrick - 12 years
- Janet Debelius - 10 years
Accreditation Manager Assignments by State
In order for program directors to have a contact person, ACEND managers have been assigned the programs based on the program’s state. Please refer to the chart below to find the state in which you are located, and contact ACEND staff assigned to your state whenever you need assistance.

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<th>Amy Anichini</th>
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Idaho
Kentucky
Massachusetts
Mississippi
Nevada
New York
North Dakota

Arizona
California
Georgia
Indiana
Kansas
Maryland
North Carolina
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
Utah

Alaska
New Jersey
Tennessee
Virginia
Wisconsin

Mary Ann Taccona
mtaccona@eatright.org
International Programs

ANDF Awards, Fellowships and Scholarship Information and Deadlines
Please promote the following to your dietetic students:

Food Safety Student Challenge—Deadline to apply is December 1, 2015
The Academy Foundation/ConAgra Foods Food Safety Student Challenge was developed around the Home Food Safety campaign. Nine scholarships of $4,000 will be available. For more information or to download an application, please visit: http://www.eatright.org/foundation/hfschallenge/

Foundation awards—Deadline to apply is February 1, 2016
First International Nutritionist/Dietitian (FIND) Fellowship for Study in the USA
- Frederick Green Memorial Internship in Nutrition Communications
- Pittsburgh Dietetic Association Leadership Development Award
- Wimpfheimer Guggenheim Fund for International Exchange in Nutrition, Dietetics and Management

For information or to download an Award application, visit http://www.eatright.org/foundation/awards/
Academy Foundation Scholarship—Deadline to apply is March 1, 2016
As the largest provider of dietetics scholarships, the Academy Foundation provides funding to deserving students at all levels of study. More than 3,500 students have been awarded scholarships in the last 13 years, totaling nearly $4.6 million. Graduate, Dietetic Internship, Undergraduate (Didactic or Coordinated) and Dietetic Technician Scholarships are available. Eligibility information and the application can be found at: http://www.eatright.org/BecomeanRDorDTR/content.aspx?id=8133.

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 November 2015:

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<th>Total Number of Active US-Based ACEND Programs</th>
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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
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.

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.