Future Education Model (FEM) Standards – Cohort 3 Applications
ACEND has issued a call for demonstration program applications for the third cohort of programs interested in being accredited under the Future Education Model Accreditation Standards. Cohort 3 applications are due 11:00 am Central Time Friday, January 11, 2019. For more information see: www.eatrightpro.org/FutureModel

2017 Accreditation Standards
Definition of Tracks/Pathway
ACEND defines a track as different routes or pathways within a program resulting in the same outcome. Examples of tracks include part-time vs. full-time, undergraduate degree vs. graduate degree, distance vs. on-site courses, and remote vs. local supervised practice. Required Element 4.2 indicates that “Data on actual program outcomes for each pathway or track are collected separately according to the program evaluation plan, summarized and analyzed by comparing actual achievements with objectives”. Programs with one or more students in separate tracks are expected to track data on those students separately. Note that post-graduate students in DPD programs that follow the same curriculum as undergraduate students are not considered a separate track.

The Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway (ISPP) is the only recognized pathway within the 2017 ACEND Accreditation Standards.

Website Audits
ACEND is currently performing an audit of all program webpages. In accordance with Standard 9: Information to Prospective Students and the Public, Required Element 9.3, information about the program must be readily available to prospective students/interns and the public via a website. ACEND defines information as readily when it can be accessed by the public without disclosure of identity or contact information and is no more than one ‘click’ away from the program’s home webpage.

The audit includes a review of all components within Required Element 9.3, per program type. Once the audit has been completed, ACEND staff will reach out to programs that were found to having missing and/or incomplete information on their program websites. The expected timeframe for contacting programs is fall 2018.
Reminder of ACEND Address Change and ACEND Name
The Academy and ACEND moved its offices in December 2016 and the correct address for ACEND is as follows:

Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of the
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190
Chicago, IL 60606-6995, (312) 899-0040 ext. 5400
http://www.eatrightPRO.org/ACEND

Also, the name of the nutrition and dietetics education accrediting agency was changed from CADE (Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education) to ACEND (Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics) in 2012. Please check that the correct name is on your program’s website and in other materials (brochures, handbooks, etc.) prepared for current and prospective students and the public.

Update to Verification Statement
The Verification Statement indicating program completion has been updated effective September 5, 2018 to include the FEM Programs. The Verification Statement is available on the program director portal and the Commission on Dietetic Registration’s Registration Eligibility Processing System (REPS). Verification Statements FAQs are on the ACEND Website here. Please note that any student who successfully completes an ACEND-accredited program must be given the specified number of completed, signed verification statements. The program’s policies should specify the procedures to ensure this occurs; students should not have to ask for a verification statement. Going forward use the September 5, 2018 version when issuing verification statements to students.

Nominations for ACEND Board Positions beginning June 1, 2019:

- **Representative of the Public**
  The ACEND Board is seeking a public member to serve a three-year term beginning in June 2019. 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. This year, ACEND is specifically seeking a public member with a background in software engineering or technology in general. Please submit your nominee’s name with contact information no later than October 1, 2018 to acendnominations@eatright.org. ACEND will contact that individual to complete an application form no later than November 1, 2018.

- **Nutrition and 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 2019-2020 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, 2018. To obtain an application form with submission information, click here: Student Application.

Call for ACEND Program Reviewers
ACEND is recruiting nutrition and dietetics educators and practitioners to become ACEND Program Reviewers! ACEND Program Reviewers examine nutrition and dietetics educational programs and conduct site visits to universities and other organizations with ACEND-accredited programs. This peer-review accreditation process strengthens nutrition and dietetics education and the profession as a whole.

ACEND Program Reviewers serve for three-year terms, beginning June 2019. This year, we are especially in need of reviewers with experience running ACEND-accredited Coordinated Programs and Nutrition and Dietetics Technician Programs, as well as reviewers with doctoral degrees.

Visit http://www.eatrightpro.org/resources/acend/training-and-volunteer-opportunities/program-reviewers to learn more about the position and to access the application. If you know someone who would make a great reviewer, please pass along this opportunity. Applications are due by November 1, 2018 for terms beginning June 1, 2019. Please contact acendnominations@eatright.org with any questions.

Update on the Pearson VUE ACEND Summary of Candidate Testing Report
ACEND is working with the Commission on Dietetic Registration and Pearson VUE to make a change to the ACEND Summary of Candidate Testing Report. Many program directors have voiced concern that the data in the section for “Testers within one year of First Attempt” is incomplete for the most recent year as those students hadn’t yet completed their one year time frame before the report was issued.

The three-year pass rate summary reports distributed in February 2019 will be changed so that the data in the “Testers within one year of First Attempt” section will be based on the year in which the candidate’s one year time frame ends. Data in the current report included data in the “one year from first attempt” that was based on the year the candidate first took the exam. In the new report, data for 2017, for example, will include all candidates who took the exam for the first time in 2016 and their “one year from first attempt” ended in 2017. This will allow for the report to always have complete data. The results of candidates who take the exam for the first time in 2016 would be recorded in the year 2016 in
the “first attempt” table; the results for those same candidates for “one year from first attempt” would be recorded in the year 2017 as that is the year that their one year time period from first attempt ended.

The new report will contain two tables, which will be similar to those shown below. One will include the information on exam results for the tester’s first attempt within a specified year and a second table will include exam results for the tester’s pass rate within one year of first attempt. Both tables will contain the institution’s results and the national results.

The data are for the same program in both tables. The group of candidates (n=18) who took the exam for the first time in 2015 would have their “one year from first attempt” end in 2016 so they are the same 18 shown for the year 2016 in the second table.

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*Year of First Testing Attempt: Year examinees took the exam for the first time.

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**Ending Year of First Attempt: Year that the ‘one year from first attempt’ time frame ended for examinees, regardless of whether they passed on the first attempt.

**FNCE®**

**FNCE Events**

- ACEND Forum – Sunday, October 21- 10 am -11:30 am; Convention Center East Salon ABC
- ACEND Booth – Sunday: 7 am - 5 pm, Monday: 8 am - 5 pm, Tuesday: 8 am - 12 pm
- One-on-one consultation time between program directors and ACEND staff: ACEND Staff will be available on Sunday, October 21st from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm and Monday, October 22nd from 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm at the Marriott Marquis Hotel Treasury Room

**School Spirit: Bring Students to FNCE®**

The Academy's Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo™ (FNCE) 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, which will be held in Washington, DC on October 20-23, 2018.
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 Academy President Mary Russell, MS, RDN, LDN, FAND, and a complimentary self/group study program recording. 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, work with your educator to submit your number of total enrollment for your program, number of students attending FNCE and the percentage this represents to education@eatright.org by October 1, 2018.

Suggested Language for Program Websites regarding 2024 CDR Mandate
ACEND has prepared the following language that programs are strongly encouraged to include on their websites and in other information for current and prospective students and the public (Standard 9, Required Element 9.3.d):

Effective January 1, 2024, the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) will require a minimum of a master’s degree to be eligible to take the credentialing exam to become a registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN). In addition, CDR requires that individuals complete coursework and supervised practice in program(s) accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). [if applicable: In [name of state], graduates also must obtain [licensure, certification] to practice.] Graduates who successfully complete the ACEND-accredited [program type] at [Institution name] are eligible to [apply to an ACEND-accredited supervised practice program/apply to take the CDR credentialing exam to become an RDN]. For more information about educational pathways to become an RDN please visit https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/students-and-advancing-education/information-for-students

2018 Annual Accreditation Fee Invoices - ACEND Quick Pay Option Available
In early October, program directors will receive an email with a unique link to the ACEND Quick Pay online system to access their annual fee invoice and either make an online payment or print the invoice and mail in a check for payment. Invoices are no longer mailed to programs. The annual fee covers costs associated with accreditation activities, program support, communications, staffing and office expenses. The fee will be due March 1, 2019. Payments received after the due date will incur a 10% late fee and the initiation of the Administrative Notification process. The current fee schedule is available on ACEND's website or click on the link: www.eatrightpro.org/ACEND.

Program Directors Workshops
2017 Accreditation Standards
These 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 and site visits under the 2017 ACEND Accreditation Standards. Interactive sessions will cover plans for program improvement and how to prepare for a self-study report/site visit or Program
Assessment Report (PAR). Opportunities will be available for networking and for ACEND Staff to answer questions about your reports. Individuals interested in applying to start a new ACEND program accredited under the 2017 ACEND Accreditation Standards as well as newly appointed Program Directors are welcome and encouraged to attend; 12 hours (Level 2) CPE credit available for attendance.

Workshop Dates:
- October 19-20, 2018 – Washington, D.C. at FNCE
- February 18-19, 2019 – Chicago, IL

Future Education Model Accreditation Standards
These workshops are designed to help Program Directors and others interested in the ACEND Future Education Model (FEM) Accreditation Standards learn about the Standards and specific details on how to submit an application to be a demonstration program, prepare self-study reports and host site visits. Interactive sessions will cover the FEM Accreditation Standards, how to conduct the self-study process and how to work with ACEND Staff and Reviewers. Individuals interested in applying to be a demonstration program, those with a site visit scheduled and those interested in learning more about the ACEND Future Education Model Accreditation Standards are encouraged to attend; 12 hours (Level 2) CPE credit available for attendance.

Workshop Dates:
- October 19-20, 2018 – Washington, D.C. at FNCE
- February 28-March 1, 2019 – Chicago, IL

To obtain more information on these workshops, visit the ACEND website here.

Tuition Removed from ACEND Program Listings
The ACEND Board has decided to remove the listing of estimated annual/total tuition from the program listings on the ACEND website (www.eatrightpro.org/acend/accredited-programs/about-accredited-programs). Accredited programs are required to post their estimated costs on their website (Standard 9) so this information is available to prospective students. ACEND will continue to collect program cost information and will annually prepare and share information summarizing these costs.

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 that 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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If you would like your noteworthy practice to be reviewed by ACEND’s Review Committee and possibly be selected for the next quarter, please visit the ACEND’s Noteworthy Practice Page here to download the submission form.
Please submit the completed submission form and supporting documentation to ACEND@eatright.org by Friday, October 26, 2018. 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.

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

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 2018:

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| US Programs Seeking Candidate Status          | 24  |
| International Programs Seeking Candidate Status| 0   |
| International Coordinated Programs            | 5   |

ACEND Staff Contacts
ACEND Staff 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 link below) to inform your students, faculty, practitioners, administrators, and other program stakeholders:

ACEND Update (August 2018) and past issues of the ACEND Update can be found here: ACEND Update