

# ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

The Active category is the Academy's largest membership category. Active members can enjoy all the benefits the Academy has to offer, including career, professional and continuing education resources. The Academy's main, professional membership category encompasses:

- Individuals who have completed an ACEND-accredited dietetics program
- Individuals with advanced degrees in an approved area of concentration
- RDs/RDNs and DTRs/NDTRs

**If you can answer YES to any of the questions below, you qualify for Academy membership in the Active category:**

**Verification documents you will need to submit:**

Have you ever established eligibility for the Registration Examination for Dietitians or Dietetic Technicians, both administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR)?

None

Have you completed a dietetics program approved/accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)?

Verification Statement identifying ACEND Program Completion

Have you completed an associate degree program for dietetic technicians approved/accredited by ACEND?

Verification Statement identifying ACEND Program Completion

Do you hold a master's or doctoral degree, and, if so, are any of your degrees (bachelor's, master's or doctoral) in the following specified concentrations: dietetics, food and nutrition, nutrition, community/public health nutrition, food science or food service systems management?

Original Transcript or Confirming Statement of highest degree earned and the original transcript confirming your degree in one of the specified concentrations. If the highest degree you obtained was in one of the specified concentrations, submit that transcript only.

## MEMBER BENEFITS

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Select from a variety of free and member-preferred priced resources. With topics ranging from nutrition counseling to obesity and breastfeeding to sports nutrition, the Academy offers the professional development you need.

### NUTRITION RESEARCH

Members receive complimentary and member-preferred pricing on the latest research, including:

- Evidence Analysis Library®: Access the Academy's online research library for the latest in food and nutrition-related science for free as a member.
- *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*: The Academy's flagship publication, available online 24/7, is the premier source for information on the practice and science of food, nutrition and dietetics.

### CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE)

Many CPE unit opportunities are included annually through webinars, *Journal* articles and more.

### NETWORKING

Stay connected to your colleagues by joining the many dietetic practice groups (DPGs) in areas ranging from pediatric nutrition to nutrition research to weight management. Only Academy members are eligible to join DPGs.

### SHOWCASE YOUR EXPERTISE

Active category members can create a free listing for the Academy's Find a Nutrition Expert online referral service. Consumers and businesses search this site often to connect with members who provide expertise in food and nutrition.

### PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Demonstrate your commitment to the field of food, nutrition and dietetics by applying to become a Fellow of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (FAND). Only current members in the Active or Retired categories may apply for this prestigious lifetime designation.

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*There is no other organization specifically designed to provide nutrition professionals with direct access to resources to support public policy and advocacy, to practice guidelines and leadership development. The return on investment with Academy membership is demonstrated in the ability to achieve my personal and professional goals as well as motivate and educate others.*



# KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

## FOR THE ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS:

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Prompt, courteous and professional staff are here to assist you in the Academy's Member Service Center. Membership representatives are available weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Central Time, at [membership@eatright.org](mailto:membership@eatright.org) or by calling 800/877-1600, Option 1. International callers may call +1-312/899-0040, Option 1.

### ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS FOUNDATION

The Foundation is the only charitable organization dedicated exclusively to supporting nutrition and dietetics professionals by empowering them to help consumers live healthier lifestyles. The Foundation makes an impact individually with Academy members and collectively throughout the profession and around the globe with its scholarships, awards, fellowships, research grants, public nutrition education programs and disaster relief efforts. Visit [www.eatrightfoundation.org](http://www.eatrightfoundation.org) to learn more.

### EATRIGHTCPE.ORG

The Academy's online learning management system allows members to conveniently manage continuing education coursework within a single Academy platform, and houses over 400 products, including FNCE® session recordings, webinar recordings and certificate of training programs, with new products available on a monthly basis.

### NUTRITION INFORMATION SERVICES

Your source for information and resources on food, nutrition and dietetics-related topics. Send your questions to our staff RDNs at [nis@eatright.org](mailto:nis@eatright.org) or call 800/877-1600, ext. 4784.

## FOR THOSE PURSUING AN RDN/NDTR CREDENTIAL:

### ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION IN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS (ACEND)

ACEND is the Academy's accrediting agency for education programs preparing students for careers as RDNs or NDTRs. Visit [www.eatrightPRO.org/acend](http://www.eatrightPRO.org/acend) for more information.

### COMMISSION ON DIETETIC REGISTRATION (CDR)

CDR, the credentialing agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, has sole and independent authority in administering valid, reliable and rigorous credentialing processes to meet the professional needs of over 115,000 credentialed nutrition and dietetics practitioners and their employers, and to protect the public. CDR strategically focuses its efforts on credentialing programs, recertification and all related professional assessment and development activities including standard setting for learners and providers; practice area competence and stewardship through entry-level, specialist and advanced practitioner credentials; certificate of training in obesity for pediatrics and adults; scope and standards of practice; definition of terms; global malnutrition composite score measure; nutrition care process and terminology; interoperability and health information standards; and quality management resources. Visit [www.cdrnet.org](http://www.cdrnet.org) for more information.

## APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

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2. Visit [www.eatrightPRO.org/join](http://www.eatrightPRO.org/join) to join the Academy online.
3. Download a membership application at [www.eatrightPRO.org/membership-types-and-benefits](http://www.eatrightPRO.org/membership-types-and-benefits) and return your completed application to the address indicated on the application.

