

Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)

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**Accreditation Council
for Education in
Nutrition and Dietetics**

the accrediting agency for the
Academy of Nutrition
and Dietetics



TOTAL ACEND Accredited Programs**601**

Dietetic Technician Programs (DT)

29

Coordinated Programs (CP)

62

Didactic Programs (DPD)

212

Dietetic Internships (DI)

262

Future Graduate Programs (FG)

30

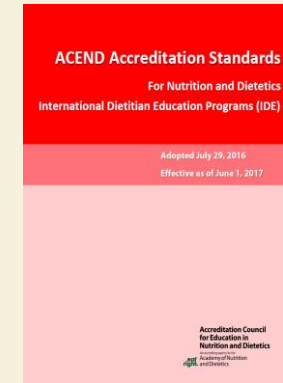
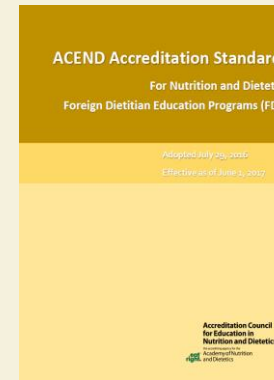
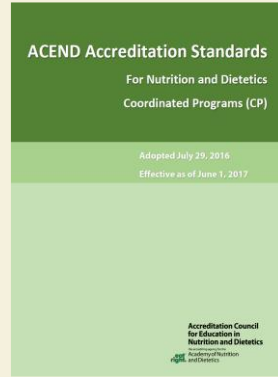
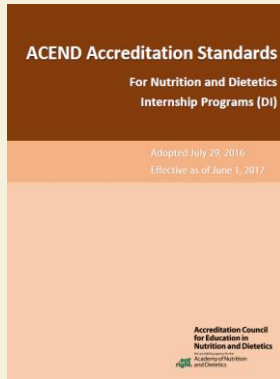
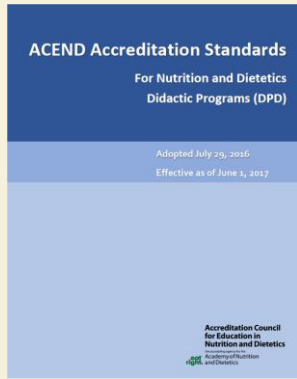
Future Bachelor Programs (FB)

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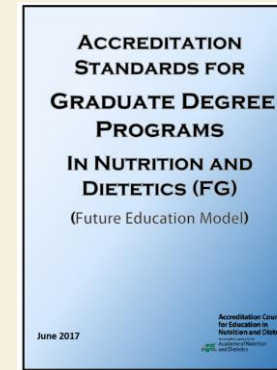
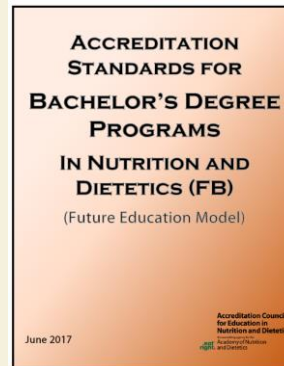
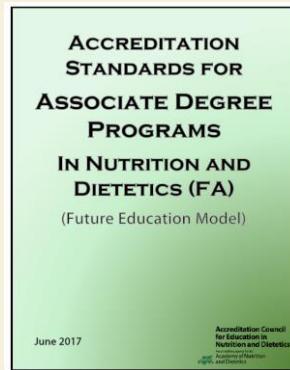
International Programs (IDE & FDE)

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Two Sets of Standards: 2017 and FEM



2017 Accreditation Standards CP, DPD, DI, DT, FDE, IDE



Future Education Model Accreditation Standards Associate, Bachelor's, Graduate

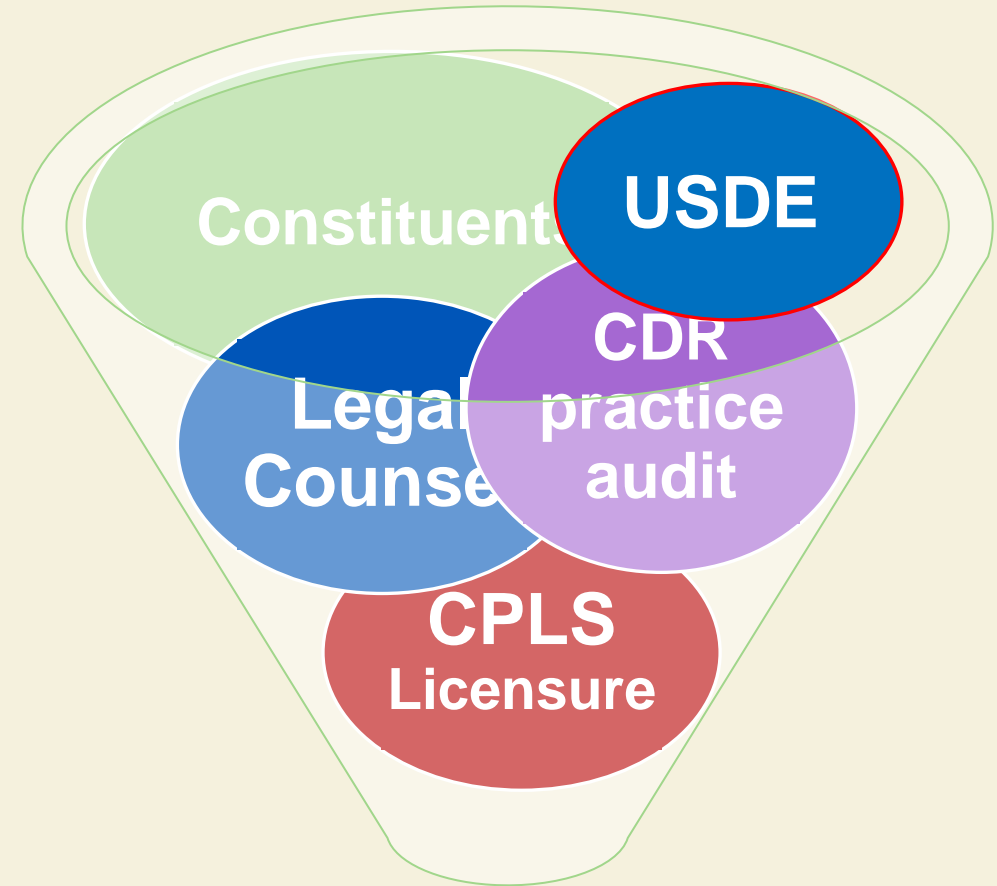
Opportunity to Provide Feedback on the Draft 2022 Standards

Revision Process:

- Required by USDE at least every 5 years
- Input from various sources

Public Comments:

- Survey to evaluate the Draft 2022 Accreditation Standards is posted on the ACEND website:
<https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend>



Key Features of the 2022 Standards

- Added requirement of a **graduate degree** for CP and DI prior to 2024 (USDE & legal counsel)
 - Able to accept students with graduate degrees
- Strengthened **diversity, equity & inclusion** requirements
- Strengthened **distance education** requirements (USDE)
- Removed **business/public/private entities** from DI Standards (USDE & legal counsel)
 - Grandfathered accredited entities
- Decreased length of SP from 1200 to 1000 hours
- Simplified and streamlined the Standards to focus on quality

Recent Action Taken by ACEND on Diversity

1. Draft 2022 Standards:

- Strengthened the Core Knowledge and Competency requirements: Statements address cultural humility, self-reflection of biases, social justice, racism and oppression
- Added a requirement for training of program faculty/preceptors
- Added a requirement for a policy to address equitable treatment, microaggressions and discrimination
- Added a requirement for policies to address admission and retention

2. New ACEND webpage www.eatrightPro.org/ACENDforDEI

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



New Webpage on the ACEND Website

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Program Directors

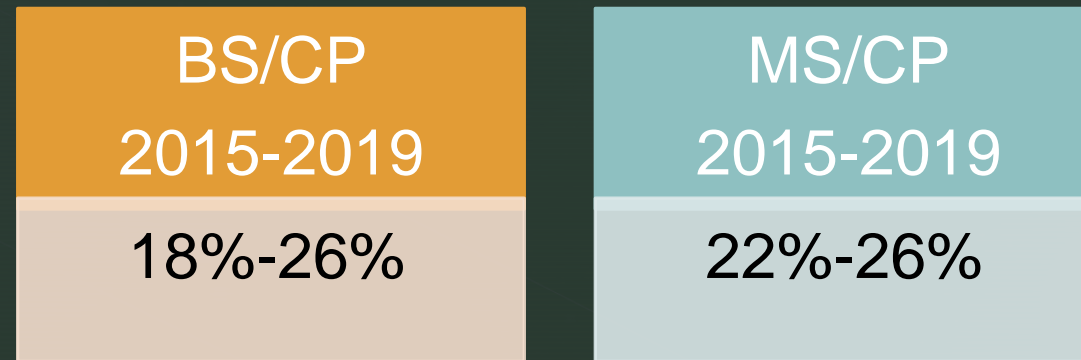
ACEND offers multiple resources for dietetic program directors including a program director portal which includes an accreditation forum with information and forms for meeting ACEND accreditation requirements.

- **Dietetic Internship Match for Directors**
- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Resources**
- **ISPP for Directors**
- **Program Director FAQs and Resources**

Webinars and support materials will follow

Racial/Ethnic Diversity in ACEND Accredited Programs

- Graduate level CPs have the same or better proportion of under-represented minorities (URM) between BS/CP and MS/CP



- 8%-9% drop occurs in the proportion of URM from the DPD to the DI
 - Advising
 - Application
 - Support

Recent Changes in the 2017 Standards

- **Holistic Evaluation of Programs:** Exam pass rate not the sole measure of quality
- **DPD Programs:** Ended the moratorium on DPD programs
- **Dietetic Internships:** Placed moratorium on business/public/private entities
- **International IDE Standards:** Lifted the 900 hours of supervised practice in the US
- **COVID-19 flexibilities:**
 - Decreased number of SP hours from 1200 to 1000
 - Increased number of allowed alternate hours
 - Allowed distance education

Future Education Model Standards

In Cohorts 1, 2 & 3

30 Future Graduate
3 Future Bachelor's
26 programs in process

Cohort 4

Applications were reviewed and 27 are in process

Cohort 5

Applications due December 2, 2020
Posted on the ACEND website:
<https://www.eatrightpro.org/futuremodel>

FEM Standards Updates

- **Partnership:** Partnership guidelines updated
- **Competency Assessment:** Simplified and streamlined assessment of competencies
- **FB Program:** Mission of the FB program updated
 - Seeking feedback on the mission of the FB program
- **FA Program:** Competencies updated to meet TX Department of Health Community Health Worker Certificate

NEW! ACEND Accreditation System

- Program director portal
- Easy to use

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Accreditation Portal

Acend University Didactic Program in Dietetics

Accreditation Information

Program Status: Accredited
Next Site Visit Year: 2021
Current Term Ends On:
Interim/Closure Report 3 On: 10/2/2020

Program Details

Program ID: 615103
Program Director: Joan Smith
Credentials: MS, RD, LDN
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Annual Report

[Start your Annual Report](#)
Due Date: 4/30/2020

Current Workflows

Reaccreditation

[Click Here to Fill Potential Site Visit Dates](#)
Due Date: 9/2/2020



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