Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)

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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](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

www.eatrightPRO.org/ACENDforDEI

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

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- 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

| Cohort 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
Questions/Discussion?