# ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

A. **Academic Requirements:**

Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDN's) are food and nutrition experts who have met the following criteria established by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR):

1. Graduate degree from an Accredited University (USDE) which includes a master's degree, practice doctorate, doctoral degree (e.g., Ph.D., Ed. Dor. D.Sc.) in addition to completion of an ACEND accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics.
   Graduate degree can be in any major or field of study.

2. A Verification Statement

3. Completed an ACEND – accredited supervised practice through one of the ACEND accredited pathway:
   - i. Accredited Dietetic Internship (DI)
   - ii. Accredited Coordinated Pathway (CP)
   - iii. Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway (ISPP)

4. Passed the national examination administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR).
For more information regarding the exam: www.cdrnet.org

5. As a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, for maintenance of your registration status you will be required to complete the following:
   - i. Develop a Professional Development Program (PDP) through CDR
   - ii. Complete and document 75 hours of approved continuing education over a 5-year period.

B. **Verification Requirements:**

Upon completion of the PA DOH WIC DI Program, graduates will receive a Verification Statement that will be required to apply for the CDR examination.

C. **Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Membership Information:**

As a dietetic intern enrolled in an ACEND accredited program, Interns are eligible for student membership in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND). Student membership is **REQUIRED** for the PA DOH WIC DI Program.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics provides a multitude of products and services designed to help develop skills, advance careers, and achieve professional goals. Members can take advantage of the following valued benefits:

- **Publications**, including access to the *Journal of the Academy and Dietetics*, a free subscription to *Food & Nutrition Magazine*®, Student Scoop, exclusive access to email newsletters, discounts on Nutrition Care Manual subscriptions and access to all eatrightPRO.org content.
- **Career and business resources,** including the Find an Expert Listing the Compensation Benefits Survey, and savings on Eatright Careers job postings.
- **Practice, Science and Quality resources**, such as access to the Evidence Analysis Library and access to the Academy's position and practice papers.
- **FNCE®** Early bird registration.
- **Scholarships and awards** provided by the Academy and its Foundation, such as Foundation scholarships, the National Honors and Awards and the Fellow program. (Exclusive to members)
- **Networking and knowledge sharing opportunities**, including eMentoring and DPG and MIG membership. (Exclusive to Members)
- **Discounts** on products and insurance. (Exclusive to members)
- **eatrightSTORE.org** Online discounts. (Exclusive to members)
- **Nutrition Information Services** access, which includes help from staff RDNs. (Exclusive to members).

While state interpretations of statutes may vary, it is ACEND's considered opinion that the program meets the educational requirements for dietetics licensure and certification in all states. However, completing an ACEND-accredited academic program alone does not qualify an individual for licensure or certification as a dietitian in any state. Individuals should review their state's licensing statutes and regulations to understand the specific requirements, including supervised practice and examinations, needed to obtain a dietetics license. More information about state licensure and certification can be found at this link: State Licensure

The Chicago-based Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals, with over 100,000 credentialed practitioners. Visit the Academy online 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at your convenience and discover a wealth of information at your fingertips!

Check the information below for specific email addresses and phone numbers by department.

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**Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)**

For information regarding:

- Accredited programs for dietitian/nutrition students: Coordinated Programs, Didactic Programs and Dietetic Internships
- Accredited programs for dietetic technician students
- Computer matching for dietetic internships.
- Sponsoring organizations eligibility requirements, Standards of Education, and policies for accreditation

Phone: 312/899-0040 (ext. 5400)
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**Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR)**

For information regarding:

- Eligibility requirements for Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and Dietetic, Technician Registered
- Computer-based testing information
- Eligibility requirements for Board Certification as a Specialist in Renal Nutrition, Pediatric Nutrition, Sports Dietetics, Gerontological Nutrition and Oncology Nutrition
- Verification of Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Dietetic Technician, Registered, Fellow and/or Specialty Certification status.
- Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements for Registered Dietitian Nutritionists and Dietetic Technicians, Registered
- Prior approval of CPE activities for Registered Dietitian Nutritionists and Dietetic Technicians, Registered
- List of prior approved CPE activities by location, topic, and date

- Assess & Learn Series for Dietetic Professionals
- Adult, and Childhood and Adolescent Weight Management Certificate Programs

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