

# Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

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## Dietetic Internship Match Students

The Dietetic Internship Match is a computer-based method which provides an orderly and fair way to match the preferences of applicants for Dietetic Internships (DIs) with the preferences of DI program directors. The Academy contracts with a company called D&D Digital to operate the DI Match and help applicants obtain an Internship (supervised practice position).

If you have completed a minimum of a bachelor's degree at a US regionally accredited university or college and course work accredited by ACEND, you are eligible to participate in the Dietetic Internship Match:

- Complete an application for the internship through the Dietetic Internship Central Application Service. There is no limit on the number of DI programs that students can apply to through DICAS. However, each program must be prioritized during the next stage of the process. If the DI program you are interested in does not appear in the DICAS, check the DI program's website for directions on how to apply or contact the DI program director.
- Register for the DI match through **D&D Digital**. This step allows you to create, edit and verify the priorities for your choices of internships. Some programs do not participate in the match. This is because they only accept applications from students who are employed by that sponsoring institution.

Through the DICAS, program directors can access applications from interested applicants; however, they cannot see the information about the priorities of the choices. The programs only see the application from applicants who applied to their programs. The program director and other staff from each Dietetic Internship program screen applications and submit rankings for acceptable applicants, as well as indicating their maximum class size.

If you have questions about the centralized application, please contact DICAS customer support at 617/612-2855 or [dicasinfo@dicas.org](mailto:dicasinfo@dicas.org).

If you need assistance with computer matching, please contact D&D Digital customer support at 515/292-0490 or [dnd@sigler.com](mailto:dnd@sigler.com).

## Timelines

- [April 2019 Computer Matching Calendar](#)
- [November 2019 Computer Matching Calendar](#)
- [Future Computer Matching Dates](#)

## Open House Listings

This resource is being made available through Nutrition and Dietetic Educators and Preceptors (NDEP). These listings will provide you with information regarding open houses being hosted by accredited dietetic internships and coordinated programs to provide supervised opportunities and training for achievement of required competencies. [View the Open House listings](#).

If you have questions specific to any of the open houses, please direct them to the contact person designated on the listing.

## Videos

- [D&D Digital Instructional Video for Applicants](#)
- [Overview of Changes to the Dietetic Internship Application](#)
- [Dietetic Internship Centralized Application Service](#)
- [How to Apply for a Dietetic Internship](#)

Find links and contact information for dietetic internships and help with computer matching.
- [Top 10 Questions about Computer Matching for Dietetic Internships](#)

ACEND® compiled a list of the 10 most common questions about the DI computer matching process.
- [Suggestions to Improve Your Chances at Getting a Dietetic Internship Position](#)

Competition for Dietetic Internships is extremely fierce, so if you are an existing student or are considering applying to a dietetics program to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, try to get as much information as possible to improve your chances at getting the internship experiences required to sit for the RDN exam.

- **Computer Matching Applicant Responsibilities**

Most accredited DI programs participate in a computer matching process. Applicants are required to learn the steps in this process and fulfill mandatory applicant responsibilities.

- **Availability of Dietetic Internship Positions**

ACEND® examined the data on the demand for dietetic internships in relation to the number of available positions indicates that the supply is not keeping up with demand.