ACEND Nutrition and Dietetics Program Accreditation Consulting

Last reviewed October 2026 · https://www.integralhs.com/acend-nutrition-dietetics-program-accreditation

What to have ready

This is the list we would ask for first, each item tied to what ACEND publishes.

- A decision on program type (CP, DPD, SPE or associate-level), using ACEND's program-type definitions (ACEND [https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/accreditation-process/frequently-asked-questions/faqs-about-types-of-acend-accredited-programs]).
- The standards set your program will be reviewed under: the 2022 Standards now in place, or the 2027 Standards, which ACEND lets programs adopt early and which take effect August 1, 2027 (ACEND, Standards, Fees and Policies [https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/accreditation-standards-fees-and-policies/standards-fees-and-policies-introduction], page opened October 3, 2026). How ACEND assigns a new program applying in 2026-2027 to one set or the other is IHS's open question (October 2026). Confirm it in the ACEND Policy and Procedure Manual before building to either set.
- A list of the 2027 elements delayed to August 1, 2028 that apply to your program type (ACEND [https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/accreditation-standards-fees-and-policies/2027-standards]).
- For a new program, a planned first-class date and an eligibility application date at least 12 months before it (ACEND [https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/accreditation-process/candidacy-for-accreditation]).
- For a supervised practice program, records showing the sponsor is not a business entity of the kind ACEND no longer accepts (ACEND [https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/accreditation-process/candidacy-for-accreditation]).
- Institutional eligibility records.
- Curriculum, preceptor and supervised practice site data, owned by your educators.
- Outcome data and the records behind it.
- A budget line for ACEND's published fees, including the eligibility fee and the candidacy self-study and site visit fee (ACEND, Fee Schedule [https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/accreditation-standards-fees-and-policies/fee-schedule], page opened October 3, 2026).