

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formerly the American Dietetic Association) was founded in 1917, and is the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. The Academy is committed to improving the nation's health and advancing the profession of dietetics through research, education and advocacy. It has established a Code of Ethics for the Profession of Dietetics (see following pages).

The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), formerly known as the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE) is the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' accrediting agency for education programs preparing students for careers as registered dietitians (RD) or dietetic technicians, registered (DTR). ACEND is recognized by the [United States Department of Education](#) as a Title IV gatekeeper. This recognition affirms that ACEND meets national standards and is a reliable authority on the quality of nutrition and dietetics education programs. ACEND is also a member of the [Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors](#) (ASPA) and abides by its code of good practice.

ACEND establishes competencies/learning objectives that all dietetic internship programs must meet with their education programs. All PDI rotations and didactic sessions support achieving these competencies. These are enumerated on the attached pages.

The Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) is the credentialing agency for AND. CDR determines standards for eligibility to write the registration examination and currently awards the credential for Registered Dietitian. The Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) has sole and independent authority in all matters pertaining to certification, including but not limited to standard setting, establishment of fees, finances and administration.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Program for Dietetic Interns is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, Illinois 60606-6995, (312) 899-0040 ext. 5400, <http://www.eatright.org/ACEND>.

As an intern enrolled in an accredited Dietetic Internship, you are eligible for STUDENT MEMBERSHIP in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Membership is required for the Dietetic Internship.

Membership benefits include:

- Monthly issues of the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Access to the AND Evidence Analysis Library
- Reduced fees for AND's Annual Meeting and other educational programs
- Automatic membership in the state dietetic association
- Discounts on professional publications and merchandise
- Toll-free number to call AND for assistance (Center for Nutrition and Dietetics can provide you with research information.)
- Applications are available from the GDPH Dietetic Internship program or at www.eatright.org.

Students also are required to become members of the Missouri Dietetic Association and the Central Missouri Dietetic Association. Application information is found in this section of the PDI Intern Manual.