Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/)


Students meet the following criteria as a pathway for becoming an RDN:

1. Fulfill all academic course requirements of the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) according to the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) 2022 Standards of Education

2. Receive a Nutritional Sciences, B.S. Nutrition and Dietetics

3. Complete an ACEND-accredited Dietetic Internship Program*

4. Pass a national exam administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR). Effective January 1, 2024, the CDR will require a minimum of a master's degree to be eligible to take the registration examination to become an RDN.

* Many ACEND accredited Dietetic Internship Programs now include both supervised practice and graduate requirements to meet the 2024 CDR mandate.