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This letter is to advise you of the action of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®) Board regarding the Didactic Program in Dietetics at Northern Arizona University. During its recent meeting, the ACEND Board made an accreditation decision based on your program's self-study report, site visit and program response. See the attached Accreditation Action Report for the status of this decision.

Programs are required to notify ACEND of any substantive changes to the program that have the potential for affecting the accreditation status of the program. Guidelines for requesting substantive changes are posted on the ACEND website: [Substantive Program Change Guidelines](#)

ACEND values your commitment to students and the quality and continued improvement of dietetics education as demonstrated during the accreditation process. If you have any questions, please contact Elise Cowie at 800-877-1600 ext. 4770 or [ecowie@eatright.org](mailto:ecowie@eatright.org).

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Accreditation Action Report

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## ACCREDITATION ACTION REPORT

**Program Name and Type:** Northern Arizona University Didactic Program in Dietetics

### Accreditation Action:

Grant full accreditation for a seven-year term ending **June 30, 2030**.

**Decision Date: October 24, 2022**

### Rationale:

The decision was based on a peer review of the self-study report, site visit report and program response to the site visit report demonstrating that the program is in compliance with the 2017 ACEND Accreditation Standards.

Note that the 2022 ACEND Accreditation Standards became effective June 1, 2022. It is expected that programs will make any modifications necessary to come into compliance with the 2022 Standards. To view the 2022 Accreditation Standards, visit <https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/accreditation-standards-fees-and-policies/2022-standards>.

### Program Accreditation Details:

To access complete information about your program's accreditation status, sign into the [ACEND Portal](#).

**Next Site Visit:** The next accreditation site visit will be scheduled in January-June 2029. ACEND staff will notify the Program approximately one year in advance of the site visit inviting the program to apply for continued accreditation under the Accreditation Standards in effect at that time.

**Next Review by the ACEND Board:** 2030

**Degree Level:** Accreditation is granted for a baccalaureate degree program

**Enrollment:** Accreditation is granted for a maximum enrollment of 70 third-year undergraduate and 70 fourth-year undergraduate students, and 10 students only seeking a verification statement.

### Areas to Address:

The program is in compliance with the accreditation standards. However, it was noted that when the Program Director requested website changes from the web team, she forgot to include the change to the end of the mission statement "***with an emphasis on culinary skills acquisition***". Although no report is required, the program must make this correction to the mission statement on the program's website.

### Interim Report Required:

Yes

No