# Commission on Dietetic Registration

## Vision
Commission on Dietetic Registration credentialing protects and improves the health of the public and supports practitioner competence, quality practice, lifelong learning and career advancement.

## Mission
The Commission on Dietetic Registration administers rigorous valid and reliable credentialing processes to protect the public and meet the needs of CDR credentialed practitioners, employers and consumers.

## Values
- **Customer focus** – Meet the needs and exceed the expectations of all customers
- **Integrity** – Act ethically with accountability for life-long learning and commitment to excellence
- **Innovation** – Embrace change with creativity and strategic thinking
- **Social Responsibility** – Make decisions with consideration for inclusivity as well as environmental, economic and social implications

## A. Relevant Credentialing Systems
Ensure CDR’s credentialing and assessment systems are relevant to the practice continuum and marketplace through multiple pathways and certifications.

1. Collaborate with ACEND and NDEP to align education and credentials.
2. Collaborate with the Academy regarding the career continuum from competent through expert practice.*
3. Collaborate with the Academy on the development of specialist and advanced practice certifications.
4. Collaborate with other credentialing organizations to expand access to specialty certifications.

## B. Practice Research
Gain a comprehensive understanding of the knowledge, skills and tasks of credentialed practitioners now and in the future.

1. Conduct practice audits to empirically define current practice at all levels.
2. Monitor workforce demand utilizing the quantitative model and environmental scans.
3. Examine the alignment of credentials with practice areas.
4. Invest in practice outcomes research initiatives.

## C. Stewardship
Invest CDR’s resources in credentialing, education, marketing and research.

1. Strengthen the self-assessment and continued competency of nutrition and dietetics, and other credentialed practitioners through recertification.
2. Promote the diversity of nutrition and dietetics, and other credentialed practitioners.
3. Educate professionals, policy makers, and consumers about the preparedness of CDR credentialed practitioners to protect and improve the health of the public.