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Commission on Dietetic Registration Strategic Plan

Vision

The Commission on Dietetic Registration protects and promotes the health of the public by supporting practitioner competence, quality practice, learning activities, and career advancement.

Mission

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

Values

The Commission on Dietetic Registration incorporates the following values to realize the Mission and Vision:

Inclusivity – Make decisions with consideration for all

Innovation – Embrace change with creativity and strategic thinking

Integrity – Act ethically and with accountability

Strategic Focus

The Commission on Dietetic Registration focuses its efforts on Credentialing, Practice Area Competence and Recertification, and Stewardship.

A. Credentialing

Maintain credentialing and assessment systems that are relevant to the practice continuum and marketplace.

- Develop and administer entry-level examinations for the registered dietitian (RD) or registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN) and dietetic technician, registered (DTR) or nutrition and dietetics technician, registered (NDTR) credentials using the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) validated test methodology.
- Collaborate with the Academy and other organizations to assess the need for and expand access to specialist and advanced practitioner certifications.
- Develop and administer specialist and advanced practice certification examinations for registered dietitians (RDs) or registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs) using the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) validated test methodology.
- Partner with Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) and the Academy Nutrition and Dietetic Educators and Preceptors (NDEP) Dietetic Practice Group to align education and credentials.

B. Practice Area Competence and Recertification

Ensure ongoing maintenance and advancement of knowledge and skills needed by credentialed practitioners.

- 1. Provide self-assessment tools to enable and verify continued competence of credentialed practitioners.
- Maintain a mechanism to monitor, adjudicate and resolve lapses in credentialing compliance.
- Align credentials with empirical definitions of current practice at all levels (competent, proficient, expert) based on audits and other assessment results.
- 4. Develop content criteria and policies to ensure the quality of continuing education.
- Provide high quality education and resources to credentialed nutrition and dietetics practitioners in a variety of topic areas, focusing on areas for which CDR is a steward.

C. Stewardship

Invest resources in credentialing, marketing, projects and research.

- Support and promote CDR funded scholarships, awards, grants and stipends.
- 2. Communicate the value of credentialed practitioners to key stakeholders.
- 3. Support project and research initiatives.
- 4. Monitor workforce capacity and demand by utilizing qualitative and quantitative methods.
- Maintain fiduciary responsibilities to manage assets in accordance with Academy bylaws.
- Manage business and operations in accordance with CDR policies to support organizational structure and integrity.