SETTING THE STANDARD SINCE 1969

1969  Inception of CDR
       Grandfathered 19,457 registered dietitians
       Established continuing education requirement for registered dietitians established

1970  Administered the first registration exam for dietitians to 56 candidates

1972  Institutionalized process for updating exam content and revision of exam specifications

1975  22,519 registered dietitians in CDR registry

1976  Amended ADA constitution to allow for registration separate from Association membership

1979  Initiated three-year Predictive Validity Study to measure the relationship between performance on the exam and performance on the job
       Completed the Content Analysis Project for the registration examination for dietitians
       Appointed the first public representative to the Commission

       Completed first study guide for the registration exam for dietitians

1981  Granted Class A membership in the National Commission for Health Certifying Agencies

1982  Developed and distributed a separate registration identification card for dietitians
       Created a separate fund for CDR monies
       Revised eligibility requirements for writing the registration exam for dietitians
       Initiated plan for credentialing dietetic technicians
       Revised dietitian registration exam format to include situation sets, graphs and multiple true/false questions.
       Institutionalized test equating to help ensure a consistent level of difficulty
       Established new passing standard for registration exam for dietitians
       Reported high correlation between performance on exam and performance on the job based on Predictive Validity Study

1983  Appointed Ethical Practices Task Force to develop an ethics code for credentialed practitioners
       Identified entry-level core knowledge for professional and technical levels

32,497 registered dietitians in CDR registry
1984  Completed role delineation studies for entry-level dietetics practice
Signed first registration eligibility reciprocity agreement with Canadian Dietetic Association

1985  Drafted minimum criteria and a model agreement for eligibility to use the registration examination for dietitians for licensure purpose
Revised continuing education guidelines for registered dietitians
42,189 registered dietitians in CDR registry

1986  Implemented dietetic technician credentialing program
Grandfathered 3,618 dietetic technicians

1987  Administered the first registration exam for dietetic technicians in nutrition care services and foodservice systems management
Appointed first DTR to Commission
Revised test specifications for the registration examination for dietitians using 1983 role delineation study
Drafted minimum criteria and a model agreement for eligibility to use the registration exam for dietetic technicians for state licensing
Completed first study guide for registration exam for dietetic technicians

1988  Implemented new registration eligibility requirements for dietitians and phasing out of individual qualifying experience routes
Established Approved Pre-Professional Practice program pathway to registration eligibility
Established a passing standard for the registration exam for dietetic technicians

1989  Administrated the first practice-related registration exam for dietitians based on role delineation studies
Enacted continuing education requirements for DTRs
Established a centralized continuing education review and tracking service for state licensing boards
Established new passing standard for the registration exam for dietitians
Developed a CDR strategic plan

1990  Implemented the joint ADA/CDR Code of Ethics for the Profession of Dietetics
Entered contract into The Pennsylvania State University's Office of Program Planning to develop self-assessment prototype

1990  Elected first DTR to the Commission
Revised test specifications for the registration exam for dietitians using 1990 role delineation study
Developed continuing education categories to assist in program planning and selection

48,701 registered dietitians in CDR registry

4,193 dietetic technicians, registered in CDR registry

1991  Collaborated with The Pennsylvania State University's Office of Program Planning to produce the *Self-Assessment Series for Dietetics Professionals*

Evaluated and revised Strategic plan

Administered the first registration exams for dietitians and dietetic technicians based on the 1990 role delineation study

Extended registration eligibility reciprocity to foreign countries whose requirements are comparable to CDR’s

Formed Critical Issues Task Force to address dietetics education and credentialing issues

Established new passing standards for registration exams for dietitians and dietetic technicians

1992  Released self-assessment module in management

Completed a report of the Critical Issues Task Force

Developed guidelines for continuing education approval of culinary programs and fellowships

Signed the first registration eligibility reciprocity agreement outside North America with the Dutch Association of Dietitians

Selected Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc. for development of specialty board certification

Contributed $200,000 in funding for ADA’s health care reform communications plan to promote the value of the RD and DTR credentials in medical nutrition therapy

1993  Collaborated with ADA Board of Directors and the Council on Dietetics Education Task force

Selected CTB/McGraw-Hill Professional Assessment Services for development of Fellow certification

Administered the first exams in specialty practice: pediatric nutrition, metabolic nutrition, and renal nutrition, using latent image simulations

Released self-assessment modules in nutrition assessment and evaluating nutrition care plans and programs

Revised Strategic plan

Signed registration eligibility reciprocity agreement with the Philippines

Received regional and national awards from the National University for Continuing Education Association Self-Assessment Services for Dietetics Professionals receives

1994  Established a Continuing Professional Education Database

Appointed a board-certified specialist to the Commission

Transitioned to computer adaptive testing begins
CDR celebrates its 25th anniversary

Administered first Fellow of The American Dietetic Association program and recognized 159 charter fellows

Held Future Search Conference to identify new directions in credentialing and strategies needed to support them

Released self-assessment modules in nutrition counseling and nutrition care planning

Received Self-Assessment Series for Dietetic Professionals: Management Module for the 1994 Programming Award from the National University Continuing Education Association, Division of Continuing Education for the Professions

Developed joint certification collaboration guidelines

1995

Developed and distributed the "Partnership for Public Protection" portfolio to state licensure boards

Initiated Practice Audit Project to identify new and emerging practice roles

Initiated recertification redesign project

Filed registration eligibility requirements and reciprocity agreements with the U.S. Trade Representative Office and World Trade Organization

Decided to offer registration exam for dietetic technicians twice a year

Implemented computer-based registration eligibility process

Initiated exploratory discussions on joint certification collaboration with American College of Sports Medicine

Released self-assessment modules in research and nutrition education for consumers

Appointed Alternative Pathways to Credentialing and Articulation Task Force

57,766 registered dietitians in CDR registry

4,652 dietetic technicians, registered in CDR registry

263 Board Certified Renal and Pediatrics Specialists

1996

Implemented computerized registration eligibility process software program

Implemented new test specifications for the dietitian and dietetic technician examinations

Completed the Alternative Pathways and Articulation Taskforce report

Developed a guide to the proposed recertification System

Developed an evaluation plan for specialty board certification

Completed Board Certification as a Specialist in Renal, Pediatric or Metabolic Nutrition three-year evaluation

1997

Discontinued Board Certification as a Specialist in Metabolic Nutrition
Conducted new passing score study for the entry-level registration examinations

Published updated study guides for entry-level registration examinations

Developed Specialty Self-Assessment Simulations

Completed Fellow of the American Dietetic Association three-year evaluation

Reaccredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies through 2002

Enacted registration eligibility reciprocity agreement between CDR and the Republic of Ireland

1998 Conducted Board Certification as a Specialist practice audit

Conducted national pilot-test survey for the Professional Development Portfolio

Established On-line CPE database

Revised Strategic plan

Published Computer Based Testing A New World of Options educational diskette

Hosted Continuing Competency Summit attended by more than 200 representatives of regulatory boards from the United States and Canada

1999 Implemented Computer-based testing for entry-level registration examinations

Updated test specifications for the Board Certification as a Specialist in Renal Nutrition and Pediatric Nutrition examinations

Conducted passing score studies for the Board Certification as a Specialist in Renal Nutrition and Pediatric Nutrition examinations

Launched CDR Web site

Discontinued Registered, administratively inactive status

CDR celebrates its 40th anniversary

2000 Implemented Program Provider Accreditation process

Implemented Professional Development Portfolio audit pilot-test

Completed 2000 Dietetics Practice Audit

Increased Registration maintenance fee from $25 to $40

Completed Specialty certification program evaluation

Completed Fellow of the American Dietetic Association program evaluation

Signed registration eligibility reciprocity agreement with the United Kingdom

65,762 Registered Dietitians on the registry

5,653 Dietetic Technicians, Registered on the registry

664 Board Certified Renal and Pediatrics Specialists
2001
- Implemented Professional Development Portfolio recertification system
- Implemented Certificate of Training in Adult Weight Management program
- Updated test specifications for entry-level registration examinations
- Initiated Online Specialty Directory
- Initiated Board Certified Specialist listserv
- Conducted Pilot-test of Certificate of Training in Multiple Choice Item Writing

2002
- Implemented new test specifications for entry-level registration examinations
- Conducted new passing score study for entry-level examinations
- Published new study guides for entry-level registration examinations
- Offered online submission of learning plan to Professional Development Portfolio participants
- Discontinued Fellow of the American Dietetic Association certification program
- Transitioned Specialty certification examinations to computer-based delivery
- Decided to offer specialty certification examinations twice per year

2003
- Reaccredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies through 2007

2004
- Conducted Board Certification as a Specialist in Pediatric and Renal Nutrition practice audit
- Implemented new on-line registration eligibility application process
- Conducted hands-on Professional Development Portfolio computer workshops during FNCE 2004
- Discontinued the retired registered status, effective June 1, 2005
- CDR celebrates its 40th anniversary

2005
- Conducted Entry-level Dietetics Practice Audit
- Implemented Online Professional Development Portfolio log reporting option
- Accepted CADE Substantial Equivalency Process to meet registration eligibility requirements
Discontinued registration eligibility reciprocity process
Appointed a newly credentialed practitioner to the Commission
Implemented new organizational identity program
Operationalized online credential verification system
71,598 Registered Dietitians on the registry
4,530 Dietetic Technicians, Registered on the registry
703 Board Certified Renal and Pediatrics Specialists

2006
Conducted Professional Development Portfolio Recertification system evaluation
Conducted Renal and Pediatric Nutrition Specialty Certification program evaluation
Implemented Board Certification as a Specialist in Sports Dietetics program

2007
Implemented Online Preceptor Certificate program

2008
Implemented Online Assess & Learn Modules for Nutrition Care Process in Type 2 Diabetes and Sports Dietetics: Nutrition for Athletic Performance
Implemented Board Certification as a Specialist in Gerontological Nutrition program
Implemented new test specifications for entry level registration examinations
Published new study guides for entry-level registration examination
Conducted new passing score study for entry-level examinations
Conducted Levels of Dietetics Practice Audit study
Reaccredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies through 2012

2008
Implemented Online Assess & Learn Module for Gerontological Nutrition implemented
Implemented Board Certification as a Specialist in Oncology Nutrition program
Implemented enhancements to the Professional Development Portfolio identified during program evaluation
Updated ADA/CDR Code of Ethics for the Profession of Dietetics
Updated CDR strategic plan
Implemented key features question format for oncology and gerontological specialty certification examinations.

2009
Conducted first webinar targeted to dietetics educators on computer-based entry-level registration examinations

Implemented new dietetics technician registration eligibility pathway for Didactic Program in Dietetics program graduates

Established an American Dietetic Association Foundation scholarship fund for registered dietitians enrolled in a doctoral degree program

Established an advanced practice residency fund for institutions establishing a dietetics residency program and registered dietitians enrolled in an advanced practice residency program

CDR celebrates its 45th anniversary

77,952 Registered Dietitians on the registry

4,124 Dietetic Technicians, Registered

447 Board Certified Specialists in Pediatric Nutrition

401 Board Certified Specialists in Renal Nutrition

218 Board Certified Specialists in Oncology Nutrition

198 Board Certified Specialists in Gerontological Nutrition

299 Board Certified Specialists in Sports Dietetics

2010
Implemented Level 2 Certificate of Training in Adult Weight Management

Conducted Dietetics Workforce Demand Study

2011
Implemented new Assess & Learn modules in Celiac Disease and the Nutrition Care Process

Conducted Dietetics Workforce Demand Study
Conducted entry level dietetics practice audit study; use the results of the 2010 dietetics practice audit to update the content outline for the entry-level registration examinations for dietitians and dietetic technicians

Collaborated with ADA Marketing Team Coding and Coverage Team and Nutrition Services Coverage Team on the development and implementation of the Value of an RD campaign targeted to physicians, allied health professionals and third-party-payers

Conducted dietetics practice audits for both the Pediatric and Renal specialty certification programs 2012

Initiated advance dietetics clinical practice audit
Collaborated with the ADA Board of Directors Alternative Pathways Workgroup on the development and implementation of alternative supervised practice pathways

Collaborated with the American Dietetics Foundation on the development of criteria for a CDR funded diversity scholarship, simulation grant, leadership grant and grassroots marketing grant

Participated in the Future Connections: Summit on Dietetics Education, Credentialing and Practice

Implemented the requirement for RDNs and DTRs to have one CPEU addressing Ethics

Appointed Advanced Level Clinical Practice Audit Task Force

84,658 Registered Dietitians on the registry

4,572 Dietetic Technicians, Registered

648 Board Certified Specialists in Pediatric Nutrition

469 Board Certified Specialists in Renal Nutrition

546 Board Certified Specialists in Oncology Nutrition

446 Board Certified Specialists in Gerontological Nutrition

528 Board Certified Specialists in Sports Dietetics

2012 Implemented CDR Strategic Plan

Published the 2011 Dietetics Workforce Demand Study; Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Supplement

Collaborated with the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics on the implementation of Individualized Supervised Practice Pathways

Enacted an ethics education requirement for all recertifying RDs and DTRs.

Conducted item writing training webinars for educators

Collaborated with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation on the development of criteria for a CDR funded advanced practice residency grants

Conducted Strategic Plan Update meeting

Approved plan to develop essential practice competencies, and to transition the Professional Development Portfolio Learning Need Codes to practice competencies
86,661 Registered Dietitians on the registry

4,873 Dietetic Technicians, Registered

661 Board Certified Specialists in Pediatric Nutrition

470 Board Certified Specialists in Renal Nutrition

603 Board Certified Specialists in Oncology Nutrition

478 Board Certified Specialists in Gerontological Nutrition

549 Board Certified Specialists in Sports Dietetics

2013 Implemented redesigned CDR website

Conducted advanced dietetics clinical practice audit

Conducted DPD graduate practice audit

RDs are permitted to use an RDN credential to reflect that RDs are nutritionists and to augment their standing in the competitive marketplace.

Approved Advanced Level Clinical Practice Audit Task Force recommendation to offer an Advanced Clinical Nutrition Practice Credential

Credential Review Workgroup appointed

Established graduate degree as the minimum degree requirement for eligibility to take the registration examination for dietitians effective January 1, 2014.

Selected Pearson Vue as the new CDR testing vendor for the entry-level examination for dietitians and dietetic technicians

Established $100,000 Diversity scholarship fund administered by the Academy Foundation and established $100,000 Doctorial scholarship fund administered by the Academy Foundation

Approved development of the Certified Specialist in Obesity and Weight Management certification

Initiated the development of the Advanced Clinical Nutrition Practice Credential

Board Certified Specialist in Pediatric Nutrition and Board Certified Specialist in Sports Dietetics become accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies

Implemented improved CPE database for use by credentialed practitioners and CPE activity providers

Reaffirmed continued administration of the dietetic technician, registered credential as long as it is financially feasible
89,385 Registered Dietitians on the registry

5129 Dietetic Technicians, Registered

769 Board Certified Specialists in Pediatric Nutrition

613 Board Certified Specialists in Renal Nutrition

648 Board Certified Specialists in Oncology Nutrition

528 Board Certified Specialists in Gerontological Nutrition

610 Board Certified Specialists in Sports Dietetics

2014 Conducted Validation Study – “The Essential Practice

Competencies for the CDR – Credentialed Nutrition and Dietetics Practitioners”

Certified Specialist in Oncology Nutrition and Certified Specialist in Gerontological Nutrition become accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies

Initiated development of the Board Certified Specialist in Obesity and Weight Management certification as a multi-disciplinary certification program

Granted Canadian Registered Dietitians the option to take the certified specialist examinations