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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 Dietetic Internship at Montana State University-Bozeman. During its recent meeting, the ACEND Board made an accreditation decision based on your program's self-study report and site visit. 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 Laurie Kruzich at 800-877-1600 ext. 4874 or [lkruzich@eatright.org](mailto:lkruzich@eatright.org).

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Accreditation Action Report

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## ACCREDITATION ACTION REPORT

**Program Name and Type:** Montana State University-Bozeman Dietetic Internship

### Accreditation Action:

Grant continued full accreditation for an eight-year term ending **December 31, 2031**.

The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)<sup>®</sup> Board has been closely monitoring the annual number of site visits along with the impact that the unbalanced number of site visits has on our volunteer program reviewer pool. In order to consistently maintain the quality of ACEND accreditation reviews, the ACEND Board voted to provide a one-time one-year extension of your program's accreditation term. Your program's accreditation term will end on **December 31, 2031**.

The ACEND Board identified your program to receive this one-time exception to the seven-year accreditation term policy based on its good standing at the time of your recent site visit review. Qualities of a program in good standing include those with a one-year pass rate over the past three years on the RDN exam greater than or equal to 90%, no recent complaints against the program or focused site visits and no pending progress or interim reports with complex issues. Programs meeting these criteria within high-volume site visit cycles were selected for this one-time exception and to receive an eight-year accreditation term.

**Decision Date:** April 10, 2023

### 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 2022 ACEND Accreditation 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 **July-December 2030**. 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:** 2031

**Degree Level:** Accreditation is granted for a graduate degree dietetic internship program.

**Enrollment:** Accreditation is granted for a maximum enrollment of 26 first-year graduate and 26 second-year graduate interns for a total maximum enrollment of 52.

**Distance Education:** The program is accredited to offer remote supervised practice and distance education.

**Preselect:** The program selects up to 14 interns annually through the preselect process.

### Areas to Address:

None