

## UW-Milwaukee MPH-Nutrition & Dietetics Preceptor Training: ACEND-specific requirements

Thank you for your willingness to be a preceptor for the UW-Milwaukee MPH-Nutrition and Dietetics program. This program has been granted Candidacy for Accreditation Status by ACEND® as a Future Education Model (FEM) Graduate Program (GP). ACEND® accreditation requirements specify that all preceptors must complete training on a few different topics prior to supervising students. Consider this document your “one-stop-shop” for fulfilling the ACEND-specific requirements. You will be asked to complete a few brief activities and then affirm that you have completed them via an online form for recordkeeping purposes.



Should you have any questions about this training or serving as a preceptor, please contact the MPH-Nutrition & Dietetics Program Director, Lori Klos, at [lklos@uwm.edu](mailto:lklos@uwm.edu) or 414-251-8220.

### Overview of training activities (“to-do’s”)

1. Review the program’s mission, goals, and objectives.
2. Review PowerPoint slides on ACEND® Standards and required competencies
3. Complete training on strategies to recognize and monitor biases in yourself and others and reduce instances of microaggressions and discrimination.
4. **After completing 1-3, affirm that you have received this information and completed the activities by typing your name in a [brief online form](#).**
5. Optional: Review additional resources about precepting a dietetics student.

To do #1: Review the program’s mission, goals, and

objectives *Mission*



The mission of the MPH-Nutrition and Dietetics program is to prepare graduates to practice as Registered Dietitian Nutritionists who support the advancement of population health and health equity among diverse communities in southeastern Wisconsin and beyond.

### Goals & [Nested] Objectives

1. Graduates will be prepared to practice as a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and to contribute to the field of nutrition and dietetics, particularly in public health and community nutrition-related endeavors.
  - a. At least 80% of students complete program requirements within 3 years (150% of planned program length).
  - b. Of graduates who seek employment, at least 80% are employed in nutrition and dietetics or related fields within 12 months of graduation.

**Did you know that RDNs can earn continuing professional education units (CPEUs) for being a preceptor?**

As of June 1, 2017, RDNs may be eligible to earn a total of 15 CPEUs per five-year cycle (max 3 per year) for precepting students! For more information, visit the [Commission on Dietetic Registration’s website](#).

- c. At least 80% of employers will indicate they are satisfied with program graduates' preparation to practice as an entry-level nutrition and dietetics professional.
  - d. At least 80% of program graduates take the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists within 12 months of program completion.
  - e. The program's one-year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%.
  - f. At least 80% of graduates will agree that the program prepared them to practice in the field of nutrition and dietetics.
2. Graduates will apply their deepening understanding of the sociocultural determinants of health to assess individual and community needs, and plan and implement evidence-based nutrition interventions to better the health of the public.
    - a. At least 80% of graduates will agree that the program facilitated their ability to plan and implement evidence-based nutrition interventions informed by sociocultural determinants of health, and individual and community needs.

To do #2: Review PowerPoint slides on ACEND® Standards & Required Competencies



Carefully review the PowerPoint presentation slide deck developed by ACEND® titled “ACEND® 2022 Accreditation Standards and Nutrition and Dietetics Graduate Program Accreditation Standards Overview.”

Each slide includes notes that provide additional important information; be sure to review this information carefully. It has been tailored for preceptors and for the type of standards that apply to UWM's MPH-Nutrition & Dietetics Graduate Program.

You can access the file in the “[Resources for MPH-Nutrition and Dietetics preceptors](#)” section of the Zilber College of Public Health's website.

To do #3: Complete training on strategies to recognize and monitor biases in yourself and others and reduce instances of microaggressions and discrimination

You are welcome to “choose your own adventure” from the list below:

1. Watch the following videos available via YouTube:
    - a. [TEDxMidAtlanticStation – We All Have Implicit Biases. So What Can We Do About It?](#) By Dushaw Hockett, founder and Executive Director of Safe Places for the Advancement of Community & Equity (12 minutes)
    - b. [TEDxPasadena – How to Outsmart Your Own Unconscious Bias](#) by Valerie Alexander, author and CEO of Speak Happiness (17 minutes)
    - c. [TEDxOakland - Eliminating Microaggressions: The Next Level of Inclusion](#) by Tiffany Alvoid, attorney & international speaker (9 minutes)
- OR....



2. Complete the online training session offered by the Food & Nutrition Conference and Expo in 2019 sponsored by the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics titled *Combating Unconscious Bias and Preventing Microaggressions: A Professional Duty*.
  - a. The session recording is 1 hour 28 minutes long and available at the following URL: [ACEND-DEI Complimentary Training](#)
  - b. By completing this training, RDNs can earn 1.5 CPEUs.

To do #4: Complete a brief online form to affirm that you have finished all the required training activities



[CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE FORM](#)

OPTIONAL: Review additional resources about precepting a dietetics student



**ACEND® offers a complimentary [Preceptor Training Program](#) (8 CPEUs available) which “preceptors prepare for their role as mentors. The course covers a variety of topics including the foundation of student experiences to meet ACEND Accreditation Standards, role delineation, preparation for orientation and learning activities, navigating different learning styles among students, how to create a safe space for students to learn and practice, providing constructive and supportive feedback through good communication, among other important topics.”**

The **Nutrition and Dietetic Educators and Preceptors (NDEP)** practice group of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics offers the following:

- Free two-part webinar titled *Guide to Being an Effective Preceptor*. CPEU credits available.
- General Orientation Checklist for preceptors to use with their students
- Preceptor Resource Toolkit and more!
- [Click here to access the resources](#)