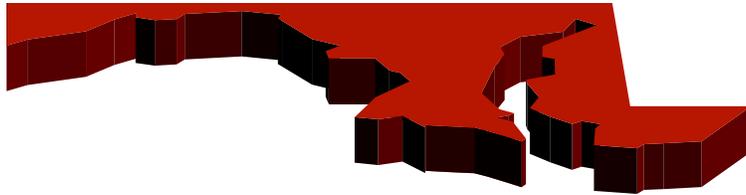


# STATE OF MARYLAND



## BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE AMENDED OPEN SESSION AGENDA NOVEMBER 18, 2021 - 10:00 A.M. GOOGLE MEET TELECONFERENCE

Call to order – Rebecca J. Snow, CNS, LDN, Board Chair

### ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

- ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes – September 16, 2021 (See attached - Item 1)
- ITEM 2 Committee Reports
  - A. Budget – Ms. Snow, Ms. Davis, Ms. Duru, Ms. Paren  
Update on 2021 Renewals
  - B. Credentials – Ms. Snow, Dr. Castor, Ms. Nyce
  - C. Regulations/Legislation – Ms. Snow, Mr. Afkhami, Ms. Davis  
Update on Draft Telehealth Regulations
  - D. Standards of Practice – Ms. Snow, Dr. Castor, Ms. Davis, Ms. Paren  
Update on CDR Requirements – Master’s Degree  
(See attached - Item 2-D)
  - E. Media and Public Awareness – Ms. Snow, Ms. Duru
  - F. Dietetic Rehabilitation Committee – Ms. Snow, Dr. Rubinstein
- ITEM 3 Committee Assignments (See attached - Item 3)
- ITEM 4 Board Member Email Addresses – Maryland.gov email

**Convene to Closed Session**

**BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2021  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**Present**

Chimene Castor, LDN- Board Chair  
Rebecca Snow, LDN-Board Vice-Chair  
Mahssan Afkhami, Board Member  
Erin Braunscheidel Duru, LDN-Board Member  
Kaitlin Costello, LDN – Board Member  
Linnet Nyce, LDN – Board Member  
Linda Paren, LDN – Board Member

**Staff**

Marie Savage – Administrator  
Lenelle Cooper – Adm. Officer  
David Wagner, AAG  
Lillian Reese, Board Leg& Reg

**Absent**

Laura C. Davis, LDN-Board Secretary/Treasurer  
Malcolm Rubinstein, Ph.D – Board Member

**Visitors**

Kimberly Link, MDH Liaison  
Dan Shattuk, MAND Lobbyist  
Patricia Jones, Intern

**Call To Order**

Dr. Chimene Castor, LDN, Board Chair, called the teleconference meeting to Order at 10:04 a.m. on September 16, 2021. Welcome New Consumer Board Member, Mahssan Afkhami. David Wagner, AAG, is assisting as Board Counsel while Stacey Darin, Board Counsel, is on maternity leave.

**New Business**

ITEM 1

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the July 15, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

ITEM 2

**Committee Reports**

**Budget** – Ms. Savage presented a budget overview. The overview included the revenue and expense report for Fiscal Year 2021. Ms. Savage reported that the Board had \$319, 163 in revenue in FY21. The Board had \$234,710.01 in expenses in FY21. The Board had a \$172,333.56 carry over from FY21 to FY22. It is recommended that the Board have at least a 30% carry over in case of emergency; i.e., court costs.

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Credentialing –

The Board reviewed and approved the following CEU requests:

Patricia Haney, LDN

Introduction to Instructional Design- 6 Hours

The Board requested a corrected Certificate of Completion. The Certificate submitted states .6 CEU and not the requested 6 CEU.

Regulations/Legislation –

Ms. Savage provided a draft of Code of Maryland Regulations 10.56.10 Telehealth. Ms. Reese, Board Legislative and Regulatory Liaison, provided an update on telehealth regulations. Other health occupation boards have draft regulations awaiting signature by the Governor. The definition of telehealth is different in the Health Occupations Article than the Health General Article. Currently, the Health Occupations Article does not include “audio only” in the definition of telehealth. There is discussion regarding “audio only” inclusion in telehealth regulations for other health occupations. The Board unanimously voted to approve the draft regulations.

Standards of Practice –

No Report.

Media and Public Awareness –

No Report.

Dietetic Rehabilitation Committee -

No Report.

ITEM 3

The Board held nominations and elected the following Board officers:

Chair:	Rebecca Snow, LDN
Vice-Chair:	Chimene Castor, LDN
Secretary/Treasurer:	Laura C. Davis, LDN

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ITEM 4

**Approved for Licensure**

Alexandra Dagenais, RD	86054342	Staci Owens, RD	86131539
Mengyang Lu, RD	86173314	Melanie Browning, RD	1081882
Mikaela Clemente, RD	86131183	Hailey Hofmann, RD	86197883
Jacklyn Arsdale, RD	1036881	Teresa Romano, RD	86052726
Amber Barker, RD	86171846	Candace Cooper, RD	86087659
Jennifer Duerr, RD	719609	Kimberly Schreyer, RD	86033203
Karen Atkins, RD	804361	Bethany Balentine, RD	86167975
Linda Mench, CNS	18196	Abbey Kane, RD	86289397
Benjamin Slowinski, RD	86080111	Jodie Hofacre, RD	836150
Elizabeth Berg, RD	86254295	Rachel Manor, RD	1084011
Sina D'Amico, RD	86095243	Hannah Etman, RD	86145506
Maria Wolfel, RD	86067748	Caitlin Morris, RD	86209683
Ashley Robbins, RD	86114984	Janet Gilligan, RD	810715
Betsy Crisafulli, RD	1002023	Shawn Chandler, RD	708440
Dorie Obertello, RD	86028758	Allison Sabatino, RD	86108856
Skylar Sites, RD	86243048	Anne McLemore, RD	86106956
Damaris Hunger, RD	86150709	Stephanie Garcia, RD	1105855
Stephanie Williams, RD	86144516	Neenet Hairapetian, CNS	18338
Olga Sushkevich, RD	86046287	Mattie Hinson, CNS	18307
Anzor Modzgvreschvilli, RD	86101790	Mei Zhang, RD	86198241
Brittany Knick, RD	1061003	Adee Levinstein, RD	86045762
Korissa Hobbs, RD	86292582	Cecily Brooks, RD	86150843
Allison Smith, RD	86130753	Allison Cleary, RD	1091548
Catherine Lamberton, RD	974076	Amber Young, RD	86116551
Mary Coffman, CNS	17891	Amanda Spears, RD	86116551
Linda Rozelle, RD	933779	Melanie Dressler, RD	843390
Audrey Burke, CNS	17883	Kari Winnicki, RD	949021
Noah Zern, RD	86152967	Frances Miller, RD	86197882
Jennifer Raba, RD	86152149	Therese Nadler, RD	86002104
Amy Mathew, RD	86007808	Bailey Irvin, RD	86131592
Alexandra Brown, RD	86081145	Burcu Beba, CNS	18120
Taylor Kasoff, RD	86102145	Florence Dontoh, RD	86022514
Anne Townley, RD	705908	Beverly Jackey, RD	598856
Kira Guarino, CNS	18337	Sarah Harbinson, RD	86197687
Nalan Lawson, CNS	17813	Courtney Candella, RD	86112447
Devan Herring, RD	86095687	Suraya Bunting, RD	86254191
Ciera Gray, RD	86041060	Caitlin Wendecker, RD	86021985
Anyea Lovette, RD	972865	Lavanya Kethamukkala, RD	968538
Deshawn McNeil, CNS	17946	Rebecca Fulp-Eickstaedt, CNS	18336
Julia Axelbaum, RD	86052183	Amanda Podczerwinski, RD	86090618
Shelby Eidel, RD	86290026		

**Open Session**  
**November 18, 2021**

The next Board meeting is scheduled on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. It will be a virtual meeting until further notice.

**Adjournment**

The open meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov., §3-305(b)(13) the Board Members present unanimously voted to close its meeting for the purpose of complying with Md. Code Ann, Health Occ. §1-401, which prevents public disclosures of the Board's proceedings, records, and files. The Board considered applications for licensure which contained confidential information regarding criminal history.

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Rebecca J. Snow, LDN – Board Chair

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Laura C. Davis, LDN - Board Secretary

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Marie Savage - Administrator



# Graduate Degree Registration Eligibility Requirement Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

October 2021



## **Background**

The FAQ document provides answers to questions regarding the CDR decision to change the degree requirement for RD exam eligibility from a baccalaureate degree to a graduate degree, effective January 1, 2024.

At its April 2013 business meeting, CDR took the following action:

“Move to change the entry-level registration eligibility education requirements for dietitians, beginning in 2024, from a baccalaureate degree to a minimum of a graduate degree. A graduate degree includes a master’s degree, practice doctorate, doctoral degree (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.Dor, D.Sc.). All other entry-level dietitian registration eligibility requirements remain the same.”

The action was based on the recommendations of the **Council on Future Practice Visioning Report** released in Fall 2012. The full report is available at the following link: [http://cdrnet.org/pub/file.cfm?item\\_type=xm\\_file&id=10369](http://cdrnet.org/pub/file.cfm?item_type=xm_file&id=10369). For more information, see Appendix I.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. Why did CDR change the degree requirement for entry-level registration eligibility to a graduate degree?**

CDR’s motion to change the entry-level registration eligibility education requirements for dietitians, beginning in 2024, from a baccalaureate degree to a minimum of a graduate degree was in response to Recommendation # 1 in the Council on Future Practice Visioning Report. In 2011, participants in a joint meeting of CFP, ACEND, and CDR agreed that increasing degree requirements for entry into the profession to a graduate degree—either a master’s degree or practice doctorate—along with developing a new credential for DPD program baccalaureate graduates, would elevate practice at all levels of the profession (10). See Appendix II for a summary of report rationales.

### **2. How did CDR determine the 2024 implementation deadline date?**

CDR calculated a five to six-year window for those entering a DPD program in 2014 to complete the DPD program followed by two years to find and complete a supervised practice program and then two years as a cushion for any unforeseen circumstances that would interfere with submission of the registration eligibility application by January 1, 2024.

### **3. Will the registration examination content change with the new graduate degree requirement?**

Since the content of the entry-level registration examination is based on the results of a practice audit, not on the degree content or level, the graduate degree requirement will not impact examination content until there is a noted change in practice. Practice changes are captured in CDRs recurring practice audits.

### **4. Will current RDs who do not have a graduate degree have to obtain a graduate degree by the deadline date?**

No. The deadline only applies to initial applicants for registration eligibility who apply on or after January 1, 2024 to take the registration examination for dietitians.

5. **Will former\* registered dietitians, who do not have a graduate degree, have to obtain a graduate degree if they are applying to reinstate registered status before January 1, 2024?**

No. Individuals who were credentialed as RDs and lost their credential are still exam eligible and therefore can apply for exam reauthorization without meeting any additional academic, didactic, or supervised practice requirements.

\*Former RDs are those individuals who were registered prior to January 1, 2024 and lost their registered status by voluntarily terminating their status, by not paying annual maintenance fees, or not completing Professional Development Portfolio (PDP) recertification requirements.

6. **Will individuals who establish eligibility with a baccalaureate degree prior to January 1, 2024, but do not pass the registration examination, have to meet the new requirement?**

No. Provided registration eligibility is established prior to January 1, 2024, a graduate degree will not be required.

7. **What is the last day for program directors to submit applicants for eligibility to take registration examination for dietitians who have only completed a bachelor's degree?**

Graduates of ACEND accredited supervised practice programs who want to become exam eligible with a bachelor's degree, must be submitted to CDR by the program director by 12:00 midnight, CT on December 31, 2023. CDR staff will process candidate class submissions received between December 23 and December 31, 2023, from January 2-5, 2024.

If a final academic transcript for a December 2023 graduate is delayed until 2024, the program director should make arrangements with their university's registrar to obtain an original letter confirming the candidate's degree and 2023 conferral date. In the event that confirmation of degree completion which was achieved in 2023 cannot be obtained until 2024, program directors should email [cdrexams@eatright.org](mailto:cdrexams@eatright.org) requesting consideration of these circumstances and attach documentation confirming exam eligibility requirements were met in 2023. Individuals whom CDR can confirm met all eligibility requirements in 2023 will then be processed and approved in CDR's Registration Eligibility Processing System (REPS).

8. **Will DTR eligibility requirements move to a baccalaureate degree?**

No. CDR does not plan to change the requirements for eligibility to take the registration examination for dietetic technicians to the minimum of a baccalaureate degree.

9. **What does the statement, "all other entry-level dietitian registration eligibility requirements remain the same" mean?**

The current DPD and supervised practice requirements (CP, DI or ISPP), remain in effect. The only change is the degree level moving from minimum baccalaureate degree to minimum graduate degree. The foreign degree equivalency requirement also remains in effect.

**10. Does the graduate degree need to be in any specific major to qualify an individual for registration eligibility?**

Just as the current bachelor's degree requirement may be met in any area, the same holds for the graduate degree, provided it is granted by a USDE accredited institution, or foreign equivalent.

**11. Is there data that illustrates the impact of the practice doctorate requirement on the diversity of students in either physical therapy or pharmacy?**

Other health profession accreditors (Physical Therapy, Pharmacy, Occupational Therapy) who have moved their education requirements to a graduate level, did not see a decrease in student diversity in their professions. In pharmacy, for example, under-represented minority students (Black, Hispanic, Native American) were 10.6% of the student population in 1988, prior to implementing their practice doctorate degree requirement, and 11.4% in 2012 after implementation. ACEND Standards encourage programs to foster diversity in their student selection process. ACEND currently monitors and will continue to monitor student diversity in all accredited programs.

**12. Does the graduate degree have to be completed after the supervised practice program?**

No. The graduate degree may be completed at any time prior to applying for registration eligibility.

## **Appendix**

- I. Several of the recommendations from the *Council on Future Practice Visioning Report*, released in Fall 2012, directly relate to CDR's role as the credentialing agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Recommendations 1 and 2 specifically address the requirements for eligibility to take the entry-level registration examination for dietitians.

### **Recommendation #1**

*Elevate the educational preparation for the future entry-level RD to a minimum of a graduate degree from an ACEND-accredited program.*

### **Recommendation #2**

*Recommend that ACEND require an ACEND-accredited graduate degree program and/or consortium that integrates both the academic coursework and supervised practice components into a seamless (1-step) program as a requirement to obtain the future entry-level RD credential.*

As the credentialing agency for the Academy, CDR is charged in the Academy *Bylaws* with the establishment of registration eligibility requirements for its certifications. *Excerpt from Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Bylaws, January 7, 2012, Article VII Section 2.*

### **Section 2. Commission on Dietetic Registration ("CDR").**

*Purpose Statement: CDR has sole and independent authority in all matters pertaining to certification...establish and evaluate requirements, standards, policies, and procedures for certification programs, including eligibility, reinstatement, examination and recertification for all levels of dietetics practice (e.g., entry, specialty and advanced level practice).*

- II. The Visioning Report provides the following rationales for this recommendation.

- The need to elevate entry-level RD education to a graduate level is consistent with the knowledge, skills, and research base required in the field of nutrition and dietetics and is necessary to protect the public, remain competitive, and increase recognition and respect.
- Almost all other health care professions have increased entry-level educational standards based on expansion of knowledge and need for deeper and wider expertise; further, level of education is a factor that influences respect as a valued member of the healthcare team (5).
- The CFP educator survey indicated that dietetics educators support a graduate degree for entry into the profession (14). It has been observed that health care professionals with advanced degrees tend to have higher self-esteem and attain a higher profile within the profession as writers, researchers, and leaders (1).
- “Healthcare will continue to grow fastest and provide some of the best paying jobs in the nation—but the people in these jobs will increasingly require higher levels of education to enter the field and continuous certification once they are in” (23, page 15).
- Updated information from the original report: The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicates that many dietitians have advanced education degrees, and that employment of dietitians is expected to increase 11% from 2020 to 2030, faster than the average for all occupations (20).

**BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE COMMITTEES**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>FUNCTION</b>
BUDGET	Review budget matters
CREDENTIALS	Review CEU Requests and make recommendations to the Board
REGULATIONS/LEGISLATION	Review and recommend legislation or regulations Review proposed legislation or regulations Testify on regulatory or legislative matters
STANDARDS OF PRACTICE	Review standard of practice inquiries Recommend standard of practice changes to Board
MEDIA AND PUBLIC AWARENESS	Review or write newsletter articles
DIETETIC REHABILITATION COMMITTEE	Review or monitor dietetic rehabilitation of licensees.

**2021 BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>
BUDGET	Ms. Snow Ms. Davis Ms. Duru Ms. Paren
CREDENTIALS	Ms. Snow Dr. Castor Ms. Nyce
REGULATIONS/LEGISLATION	Ms. Snow Mr. Afkhami Ms. Davis
STANDARDS OF PRACTICE	Ms. Snow Dr. Castor Ms. Davis M. Paren
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DIETETIC REHABILITATION COMMITTEE	Ms. Snow Dr. Rubinstein

As of 11/18/2021