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Dear Dr. Feeney:

On behalf of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®) Board, thank you for the program's engagement throughout the accreditation process. This letter is to notify the Didactic Program in Dietetics at Mansfield University of the accreditation decision made by the ACEND Board to continue full accreditation for a seven-year term ending December 31, 2032 and request an interim report to be submitted no later than September 15, 2025. During its recent meeting, the ACEND Board made this accreditation decision based on the program's self-study report and site visit. For more information about this decision and additional program information, please refer to page 2 of this letter for the Accreditation Action Report.

As a reminder, programs are required to notify ACEND of any substantive changes made to the program that have the potential to impact the accreditation status of the program. Guidelines for requesting substantive changes are posted on the [ACEND website](https://www.eatright.org).

ACEND recognizes the program's compliance with the ACEND Accreditation Standards and encourages the program to continue its efforts in providing quality nutrition and dietetics education. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Newell, ACEND staff at 800-877-1600 ext. 4743 or anewell@eatright.org.

Sincerely,



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ACCREDITATION ACTION REPORT

Program Name and Type: Mansfield University Didactic Program in Dietetics

Accreditation Decision:

Continue full accreditation for a seven-year term ending December 31, 2032 and request an interim report to be submitted no later than September 15, 2025.

Decision Date: July 18, 2025

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 the program's accreditation status, sign into the [ACEND Portal](#).

Next Site Visit: The next accreditation site visit will be scheduled in July-December 2031. ACEND staff will contact the program approximately one year in advance of the site visit, inviting the program to apply for continued accreditation under the ACEND Accreditation Standards in effect at that time.

Next Review by the ACEND Board: 2032

Degree Level: Accreditation is granted for a baccalaureate program

Enrollment: Accreditation is granted for a maximum enrollment of 40 third-year undergraduate, 40 fourth-year undergraduate, and 20 students only seeking a verification statement for a total maximum enrollment of 100 students.

Distance Education: The program is accredited to offer 50% or more of coursework via distance education.

Branch Campus: The program was approved to add two branch campuses in Lock Haven, PA and Bloomsburg, PA.

Areas to Address:

To maintain accreditation, the program must provide an Interim Report to monitor continued compliance with the following standards:

Standard 2: Program Mission, Goals, Objectives and Program Evaluation and Improvement, Required Elements 2.2 and 2.3

According to CDR's ACEND Summary of Candidate Testing reports released in February 2025, it was identified after the site visit that the program's one-year pass rate is 75% (2022-2024) which falls below the ACEND's 80% pass rate benchmark. ACEND understands that the recent national decline in the CDR exam pass rate has been significant and may be due to factors outside the program's control. However, per policy, the ACEND Board must monitor the program to ensure future success. Therefore, the ACEND Board requests that the program submit a Continuous Program Improvement Plan (CPIP) outlining the action steps the program will take to improve the program's