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Dear Dr. Plunkett:

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 Herbert H Lehman College, CUNY of the accreditation decision made by the ACEND Board to continue full accreditation for a seven-year term ending June 30, 2033 and request an interim report to be submitted no later than March 16, 2026. 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).

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 Laurie Kruzich, ACEND staff at 800-877-1600 ext. 4874 or lkruzich@eatright.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Stuhrcke".

Janet Stuhrcke, DCN, RD, FAND, Chair
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ACCREDITATION ACTION REPORT

Program Name and Type: Herbert H Lehman College, CUNY Didactic Program in Dietetics

Accreditation Decision:

Grant continued full accreditation for a seven-year term ending June 30, 2033 and request an interim report to be submitted no later than March 16, 2026.

Decision Date: January 30, 2026

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 January-June 2032. 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: 2033

Degree Level: Accreditation is granted for a baccalaureate degree program.

Enrollment: Accreditation is granted for a maximum enrollment of 75 third-year undergraduate, 75 fourth-year undergraduate, and 40 verification statement-only students for a total maximum enrollment of 190 students.

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

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 Element 2.1

The program provided a revised Program Evaluation Plan in which the program completion objective was updated; however, the program completion objective was updated to indicate that two years is 150% of the program length. Since the program indicated under Standard 1, Required Element 1.6 that the program length is two years, three years would be 150% of the program length. The program must provide a revised Program Evaluation Plan with a revised program completion objective to state: "At least 80% of students complete program requirements within three years (150% of planned program length)".

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

The program provided ACEND-required objective data in three-year averages in the Program Evaluation Plan; however, the averages were not reported as rolling three-year averages and only

included percentages without the number meeting the objective compared to the total. The program must provide a revised Program Evaluation Plan that includes data as three-year rolling averages for the ACEND-required objectives, where each year one year is removed and the next year is added. For example, data would be reported as 2018-2020, 2019-2021, 2020-2022, and so on, which includes the number meeting the objective compared to the total and percentage.

Standard 7: Information to Prospective Students and the Public, Required Elements 7.3b

As the program revises its program completion objective, the program must provide a screenshot or active website link to the revised program completion objective on the program's website.

Standard 8: Policies and Procedures for Enrolled Students, Required Elements 8.2m

The program provided a revised program completion policy that includes the maximum time for program completion as two years (150%) of the program length. As noted under Required Element 1.6 and 2.1, the program length is two years. The program must provide adequate time for students enrolled in the program to complete the program, which must be greater than the program length. This should be consistent with the institution's policy for program completion and take into consideration part-time students, leave of absence, or students taking time away from school. The program must provide a program handbook that includes a revised program completion policy that includes a maximum time for program completion.

Interim Report Required:

☒ Yes: Due Date: March 16, 2026 Refer to the attached instructions for submitting the report. (The program will be charged a \$200.00 late fee if the report is submitted after the due date.)

☐ No

Instructions for Submitting an ACEND Report in DocuWare

When the program is ready to submit the report, here are the steps for accessing the ACEND Program Report submission form:

- 1) Click on this link: [ACEND Program Report submission form](#)
- 2) Use the following information to fill out the online form:

Program ID	823401
Document Type	Interim Report
Program Name	Herbert H Lehman College CUNY
Program Type	Didactic Program in Dietetics
Program City	Bronx
Program State	New York

- 3) Upload the report using the upload box at the bottom of the page
- 4) Click "Submit". Once the report is submitted, the program will receive an automated email from DocuWare (noreply@docuware.cloud) acknowledging the receipt of the report.