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Dear Ms. Murray,

The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)® Board has been closely monitoring the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on ACEND accredited programs and in doing so is considering the long-term implications on the accreditation process. Most site visits scheduled to occur in 2020 have been postponed and ACEND volunteer reviewers may not be able to fully resume travel to complete these site visits until 2021.

With this in mind, at its April 13, 2020 meeting, the ACEND Board voted to extend your program's accreditation term one year. Your program's new accreditation term end date is **June 30, 2024** and your program's next site visit will occur **January-June 2023**. This extension will not impact the length of your program's next seven-year accreditation term.

You will receive more information about scheduling the site visit approximately one year in advance of the site visit. To view ACEND's accreditation standards, self-study report templates and other information about the accreditation process visit the website at <https://www.eatrightpro.org/ACEND>.

More information about ACEND's actions to aid programs during the COVID-19 pandemic can be found on this ACEND web page: [COVID-19 Information](#).

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The ACEND Board of Directors recognizes your extraordinary efforts to provide quality education experiences to students during this unprecedented time. I encourage you to contact ACEND staff at 800-877-1600 x5400 or acend@eatright.org if you have any questions regarding this decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet S. Johnson".

Janet S. Johnson, MS, RDN, LD, Chair
Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

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