

## May 2024 Critical Issue Submission Summary

The House of Delegates (HOD) considers possible Critical Issues quarterly for the HOD to address based on submissions from the Academy's [environmental scanning form](#). The following is the collection of all the issues members submitted through this form from January 16, 2024, through April 15, 2024, that the House Leadership team reviewed to prepare for the May 2024 meeting. The House Leadership team, along with delegates, consider current Academy activities and initiatives when considering whether it is the right time to address a Critical Issue. If an issue is not prioritized now, it can be considered in the future. Decisions are made based on current Academy initiatives to minimize duplication of efforts and allow for the greatest impact by the work of all Academy volunteers. Even if submissions are not prioritized right away, all of these topics are still considered during future meetings to determine priorities.

Submissions Discussed by HLT and Potential Critical Issues		
Issues Submitted by Members*	Current Academy Initiatives	Next Steps as of May 2024
Future of the Profession: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remote work impacting malnutrition</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Clinical Malnutrition information from the Academy</a> <a href="#">Global Malnutrition Composite Score</a> <a href="#">Information about MQII (Malnutrition Quality Improvement Initiative)</a> <a href="#">JAND articles on remote work</a>	HLT deliberated the topic based on delegate feedback from the February Real-Time Dialogue. It was decided to reach out to the Dietitians in Health Care Communities (DHCC) DPG to recommend work related to long-term care settings. No new Critical Issue emerged from the submissions related to the “future of the profession” but HLT will continue to monitor this general theme.
IDEA: Need for more digital accessibility	<a href="#">IDEA Committee</a> , Strategic Communications, and Lifelong Learning teams are working to increase accessibility standards within the Academy <a href="#">Academy's IDEA Hub</a> <a href="#">Disabilities in Nutrition and Dietetics MIG</a>	HLT will forward this submission to the appropriate Academy teams to increase awareness of the need for increased accessibility
Inappropriate use of the RDN credential <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- members have reported a company has been using their RDN credentials even after being told to stop</li> </ul>	<a href="#">CDR's website</a> <a href="#">Code of Ethics for RDNs and NDTRs</a> <a href="#">Ethics Complaints and Violations</a>	HLT will connect with CDR to see if they have received concerns and what resources are available to report as well as what outcomes one should expect after reporting
Submissions Referred to other Organizational Units/Teams		
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Educational Standards: - Decreased Exam Pass Rate	<a href="#">ACEND's website</a>	Refer to ACEND. They are aware of this need and have been actively discussing this issue.
Test Bundle Voucher	<a href="#">CDR's website</a>	Academy cannot interfere with CDR's business decisions on something like this, but the concern will be forwarded to them
<b>Submissions on Current or Recent Critical Issues</b>		
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Membership Engagement: - Would like CE requirement for retired members decreased	<a href="#">Membership Information</a>  The Academy Membership team is already aware of the needs of retired members and actively working on solutions.	This is a trend that emerged from all three Critical Issues SME groups in the 2022-2023 program year. HLT has submitted a trends analysis and recommendations from the SME groups to the Academy leadership
Student Enrollment: - Concern about the sharp decline in applicants for dietitian positions	HLT is currently working on the direction of addressing this issue, including qualifications for content experts, and how the HOD's unique scope and strengths can best benefit efforts already underway by other units under the Academy.	HLT reviewed the workbooks and deciding next steps after the April HOD meeting, where delegates continued discussion on the student enrollment issue

\*Verbiage is taken directly from submissions by Academy members