

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 April 16, 2024, through July 15, 2024. 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 August 2024
Student Leadership: a need for a more structured system to increase student and early practitioner leaders	<p>Student member portal on Higher Logic</p> <p>Developing Leaders</p> <p>Volunteer Leadership Form</p> <p>Submit to Student Scoop</p> <p>Student Liaison Program</p> <p>ACEND Board Dietetic Student Representatives</p> <p>Student Hosts at FNCE</p>	House of Delegates gathering input from membership on this submission.
<p>Impact on quality of care and competence from virtual education and virtual care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acute care RDN shortage - quality of care decrease after pandemic - Negative impact of remote work and MNT 	<p>Telehealth Quick Guide</p> <p>ACEND conducts an annual survey of students who graduate from the Graduate Programs and their own confidence in their skills. Rates went down 10 percent because of COVID. This last year, for those who graduated outside of COVID, their confidence and feeling of preparation went back up to be about the same as before COVID.</p>	House of Delegates gathering input from membership on these submissions.

From April 16, 2024 to July 15, 2024, there were no submissions related to the current Critical Issues, which are Low Student Enrollment and Artificial Intelligence.

*Verbiage is taken directly from submissions by Academy members