COVID-19 Updates
The LBEDN has had no interruption of services during the COVID-19 crisis. Board staff has been working remotely since March 17, and remains available to assist with applications, licensure questions, license verifications, etc. LBEDN staff and Board members continue to be efficient, with applications being processed and approved in as little as 24 hours.

Emergency Aid
If you or a Dietitian/Nutritionist you know has volunteered, lent a helping hand in another state, or gone above and beyond to help others during this pandemic, please let the Board know by sending an email to Tracy Jeanmarie at tjeanmarie@lbedn.org. The Board would like to recognize any Dietitian/Nutritionist who has contributed to others in this time of need.

Telenutrition in Louisiana
The provision of telenutrition in Louisiana is covered under the Louisiana Dietetic/Nutrition license. When telenutrition is used and the Dietetic/Nutrition practitioner and the patient or client are located in different states, the Dietetic/Nutrition practitioner providing the patient care services must be licensed in the state where the patient is located.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Board Member Vacancies

The Board currently has two board member positions that will become vacant on October 27, 2020 and December 15, 2020. These positions are for Licensed Dietitians/Nutritionists who are selected by the Governor from a list submitted by the Louisiana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Nominees who are Licensed Dietitians/Nutritionists shall be residents of the state who have an unrestricted license to practice in the field of dietetics or nutrition or a related field for not less than five years. The positions are for three year terms. The Board meets four times a year at the Board office in Prairieville.

LBEDN is always looking for energetic new faces to join the Board in our mission to protect the public. Requests for more information and nominations can be sent to lda@eatrightlouisiana.org.

LAND Webinar

For greater than 3 decades, the Louisiana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (LAND) has hosted conferences to enhance the knowledge and practice of nutrition professionals in Louisiana. Since the stay-at-home order interrupted public gatherings, LAND quickly restructured the format of the 2020 LAND Conference and developed a virtual format to forge forward. LBEDN provided a 1-hour live session on Monday May 5th at 12:30pm.

The LBEDN session topics included:
- Insight on the Louisiana revised statutes for practicing nutrition/dietetics in the state of Louisiana
- LDN’s authority to write diet orders and lab order
- The role of the LBEDN
- How to become a LBEDN member
- Discussion of 4 regulatory cases the LBEDN investigated, processed and sanctioned

If you missed the session, no worries! The recorded session will be made available on the LAND website, listed under the Events tab https://eatrightlouisiana.org/2020-conference-webinars/. Please take a moment to check it out.