

Who We Are:

Founded in 1929, the Virginia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formerly the Virginia Dietetic Association) is a professional, not-for-profit organization of food and nutrition experts affiliated with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Over 1500 members serve the citizens of our Commonwealth through the promotion of optimal nutrition, health and well-being. We support the pairing of good nutrition with food that tastes good to promote lifelong eating habits that bring pleasure and wellness to our tables and lives. VAND is managed by a Board of Directors with 12 voting members and our membership consists of Registered Dietitians (R.D.s), Dietetic Technicians, Registered (D.T.R.s) and students from five local districts statewide.



Mission: Empower members to be Virginia's food and nutrition leaders

Vision: Optimize the health of Virginians through food and nutrition expertise

Where We Practice:

- ❖ Hospitals, HMOs, Long Term Care settings and other health care facilities as integral members of the health care team in the provision of Medical Nutrition Therapy via the industry standard Nutrition Care Process
- ❖ Sports Nutrition and Corporate Wellness Programs; educating clients about the association of food, fitness and health
- ❖ Government and Food and Nutrition Related Industries; working in research, public relations, marketing and product development
- ❖ Private Practice and Consultation; providing education and services to consumers, health care facilities, restaurants and food companies
- ❖ Schools, Community and Public Health Settings; advocating healthy eating habits and sound policy to improve the quality of life
- ❖ Colleges, Universities and Medical Centers as educators of students, interns and allied health professionals

State Legislative Agenda:

- ❖ Pursue legislation that provides the public an avenue of access to State approved Registered Dietitians in Virginia
- ❖ Collaborate with Allied Health Professionals to prevent and reduce overweight and obesity in all age groups, with a focus on evidence-based school and community programs
- ❖ Reduce health care costs with evidence-based medical nutrition therapy for persons of all ages to minimize or eliminate chronic disease complications
- ❖ Coordinate with Virginia Legislators to ensure qualified health professionals are utilized in the Health Care Reform implementation
- ❖ Support a Sustainable Food System in Virginia