



2026 IAND Spring Assembly: Call for Speaker Proposals

Thank you for your interest in presenting a session during the 2026 Illinois Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Spring Assembly! Here you will find key information for submitting a speaker proposal.

The 2026 IAND Spring Assembly is scheduled for March 20-21, 2026 at Elements at Water Street in Naperville, IL. The conference facility is affiliated with Hotel Indigo.

All IAND members and industry leaders are invited to submit education session proposals. Please share this information with others you feel would be good presenters for future IAND events.

Presentation Guidelines:

- Presentations should be 45 minutes in length with time for a 10 minute question and answer session following the presentation. A moderator will be present to assist the presenter.
- The honorarium for each presentation is \$500.
- Complimentary registration for Spring Assembly will be provided to the speaker(s).

General Guidelines:

All proposals are due prior to **September 26, 2025, at 5:00 pm CST** by electronic submission as discussed below. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Up to two (2) submissions per individual may be submitted.

All potential conflicts of interest must be fully disclosed at the time of submission.

Only advanced sessions (Category II or III) will be accepted. We strongly encourage Category III submissions. Details of each are listed here:

- **Category II:** Assumes that the participant has general knowledge of the literature and professional practice within the area(s) covered. The focus on the activity is to enhance knowledge and application by the participant.
- **Category III:** Assumes the participant has thorough knowledge of the literature and professional practice within the area(s) covered. The focus of the activity is the synthesis of recent advances and future directions.

We recommend that all speakers are seasoned professionals with experience in presenting.



Speaker Topic

We encourage proposals focused on cutting-edge research or practical applications. Some key topics of interest include:

- Pediatric Nutrition
- Neonatal Nutrition
- Practical Applications of AI in Dietetics
- Ethics in Dietetics
- Updates to DGA 2025-2030
- Food Policy

IAND will consider proposals centered on the Essential Practice Competencies as established by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR). Selection will be made on topic relevance as well as the importance and benefit of our members. We do our best to respond to member feedback by choosing topics requested by members.

Submission Evaluation Criteria

Each submission will be evaluated based on criteria as detailed below

- The proposal's overall relevance to the identified topic areas.
- Cutting-edge or new information.
- Importance and benefit to the Illinois Academy members.
- Applicant's experience in practice or research.

Submission Requirements

Please complete the [2026 Spring Assembly Proposal Form](#). Speakers will be notified of the chosen proposals via email no later than November 3rd, 2025.

Electronic submission requirements include:

1. Presentation title
2. Brief summary of presentation
3. Learning objectives (3)
4. CDR performance indicators (3)
5. Speaker(s) information such as bio, professional headshot, and resume.

[CDR Performance Indicators](#) for reference.

Questions

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