1. How can I access the Online Community Standards?

You can access the Online Community Standards via this link: https://www.aedweb.org/aed-community/communitystandards

They are also available as a dropdown menu item from the AED Community tab as well as from a link on the Main Forum discussion page.

2. How can I access the Main Forum Discussion?

From AED’s home page (https://www.aedweb.org/home), click on the “AED Community” tab to reveal the dropdown menu, then select “Main Forum.” You can see others’ posts and create a new post here.

3. How can I access the Research Opportunities, Training Opportunities, and Looking for Referrals discussion boards?

From AED’s home page (https://www.aedweb.org/home), click on the “AED Community” tab to reveal the dropdown menu, then select “Main Forum.” On this page, you will see an area with the heading “POPULAR COMMUNITY LINKS.” Under that heading, there are clickable links to the following community forums: Looking for Referrals, Training Opportunities, and Research Opportunities.

4. Who do I contact to request permission to post a RESEARCH study?

All requests must be approved by AED’s Online & Social Media Committee (forward all necessary information to info@aedweb.org). When requesting to post about a research study, please include IRB (human subjects or ethics committee) approval letter, the study abstract, the author list (which must include an AED member), and the proposed text for the post.

Once approved, you can post in the Research Opportunities forum of the Community. This post must start with “***This message was approved for posting by the AED Online & Social Media Committee***.”
5. Who do I contact to request permission to post a TRAINING position?

All requests must be approved by AED's Online & Social Media Committee (forward all necessary information to info@aedweb.org). When requesting to post a training position, please include the proposed text for the post.

Once approved, you can post in the Training Opportunities forum of the Community. This post must start with "***This message was approved for posting by the AED Online & Social Media Committee***".

6. May I reply-all to a referral request?

No, replying all to a referral request violates the AED Community Standards. We do this to reduce the number of emails received by AED members not requesting the referral information. All reply-all postings to referral requests will be removed.

7. How do I reply directly to a referral request?

To reply directly to a referral request on the AED website, select the dropdown menu next to the “reply” button of the original post and choose “reply privately”. To reply directly to a referral request received via email notification, please select “reply to sender” within the email.

8. May I promote my own work?

Self-promotion and self-advertising are not permitted and are considered a misuse of the AED Community space.

9. What happens if I don’t follow the Community Standards?

If you do not follow the Community Standards, you will receive an email asking you to remove your post OR informing you that your post has been / will be removed. The email will include information explaining why your post was removed and what action you can take to achieve your goal in a way that is in line with the Community Standards.

There is a three-strike rule in effect. If you violate the Community Standards more than three times, you may be suspended from the Online Community for a period of six months following the violations.
10. Who can post to the Online Community?

The Main Discussion forum is open to all current AED members. SIG and Committee collaborative spaces are open to members belonging to those SIGs and Committees. Any member may join a SIG at any time by updating their AED Membership profile.

11. How do I control the email notifications for the Online Community forums?

As a member, you can control notification preferences for posts to the Main Discussion forum in your Online Community profile by following the steps below:

→ AED Community
→ My Profile
→ My Account
→ Community Notifications

You can select to receive instant email notifications, daily or weekly digest email notifications, or no notifications at all. Notification preferences are unrelated to your ability to post to the Online Community.

12. What can be posted on the Main Discussion Forum?

The Main Discussion Forum is intended to facilitate the exchange of information relevant to eating disorder treatment, research, prevention, and advocacy among AED members.

13. What CANNOT be posted on the Main Discussion Forum?

i) Promotion/advertisement for treatment centers, treatment providers, treatments that one has a commercial interest in, or commercial publications (e.g., books) or conferences; this includes notifications for events or products offered by for-profit entities. For-profit agencies looking to advertise educational events or conferences should contact AED directly to discuss possible options for advertisement on the AED website.

ii) Profanity, personal attacks, or inflammatory remarks against individuals or organizations. This includes attacks or inflammatory remarks toward treatment providers/programs by name.

iii) Posting of identifiable patient information.

iv) Content including political, religious, and/or commercial material (an exception can be made for political content that directly affects association interests; e.g., proposals before legislative bodies around the world).
v) Information about specific charges or fees for services.

vi) Job postings which should be directed to AED’s Job Board.

vii) Advertisements for office space rentals or inquiries seeking office space.

viii) Advertisements for events, products, or services offered by for-profit entities.

ix) Solicitations for donations that do not directly support AED and/or its mission.

14. What types of posts require approval to post to the Online Community?

i) Announcements regarding not-for-profit conferences. Please be aware that AED may require documentation of the not-for-profit status.

ii) Announcements regarding research studies. See the section on Research Study Recruitment in the Community Standards and/or FAQ #4.

iii) Announcements of postdoctoral fellowships and similar positions in the Training Opportunities forum. See the section on Training Opportunities in the Community Standards and/or FAQ #5.

15. Is information posted to the Online Community confidential?

The AED Online Community is confidential and accessible only by current AED members (except for the Research Opportunities, Racism, and COVID forums). It is in violation of AED policy to forward any post or information from the Online Community to any person or entity outside of the Community (e.g., personal or professional blogs, social networking websites) without the express written permission of the AED. The AED acknowledges that educational information gleaned from Online Community discussions may be used by its members in further communication with colleagues and/or patients. This should be conducted in the spirit of the Online Community’s mission: “The exchange of information relevant to eating disorder treatment, research, prevention, and advocacy among members.”

16. May I cross-post to the Main Discussion and other forums?

No, please do not cross-post to multiple forums. You should only post to one forum; whichever is the most appropriate location. For example, a post seeking referral information for a patient/client should only be posted in the “Looking for Referrals” forum. Do not cross-post to the Main Discussion forum. The only exception to this standard is the cross-posting of
information to an appropriate SIG forum (e.g., posting a referral request for an FBT therapist to both the “Looking for Referrals” and FBT SIG Forums).

17. Who should I contact if I have questions about the Online Community and related forums that are not answered here?

For help, please contact info@aedweb.org.

18. Where can I advertise a job position on the AED website?

In general, you may not post job positions to the Online Community. Instead, advertisements for open job positions which provide a salary of any kind are to be submitted to the AED Job Board and are subject to fees. Similarly, the AED Job Board is available to individuals seeking employment opportunities.

An exception is made for trainee positions (e.g., post-doctoral fellowships), which are free for AED members to post on the Training Opportunities forum, with prior approval. See FAQ#5.