



## ABET PROGRAM EVALUATORS: THE FACE OF QUALITY IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION

# Accreditation Fact Sheet

## The Facts About ABET Accreditation

ABET accreditation ensures the quality of educational programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology.

### Parents and Students . . .

Look to accreditation to choose quality programs that prepare for professional practice.

### Employers . . .

Rely on accreditation to ensure that new hires meet the threshold for entry-level professional practice.

### Licensing and Certification Boards . . .

Count on accreditation to provide criteria by which to screen applicants.

### Colleges and Universities . . .

Use accreditation as a structured mechanism to assess, evaluate, and improve the quality of their programs and provide external review of their processes.

### Graduate Schools . . .

Utilize accreditation to determine the eligibility of applicants.

## The Facts About ABET

ABET was established in 1932. The organization now accredits some 2,900 educational programs at more than 600 colleges and universities. A federation of 30 professional and technical societies in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology, ABET has more than 1,500 dedicated volunteers working to ensure quality in higher education.

ABET volunteers take the form of program evaluators (PEVs), members of the ABET Board of Directors, and members of the four accreditation commissions — the Applied Science Accreditation Commission (ASAC), Computing Accreditation Commission (CAC), Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC), and Technology Accreditation Commission (TAC). Volunteers are appointed by ABET's member societies.

**Board of Directors:** The primary responsibilities of the Board of Directors are to set policy, approve accreditation criteria, and strategically guide the organization.

**Commissions:** The commissions implement accreditation process and make accreditation decisions.

**Program Evaluators:** Program evaluators, along with commissioners, make up ABET's accreditation teams, who visit and evaluate programs seeking accreditation.

## Volunteering for ABET

Most ABET volunteers begin their service as program evaluators. Job description, minimum qualifications, the program evaluator competency model, and instructions for applying can all be found online. Visit [www.abet.org/volunteer.shtml](http://www.abet.org/volunteer.shtml) to get started.