

# PROUD TO BE AN ACCREDITED PROGRAM

## WHAT IS ACCREDITATION?

ABET accreditation is assurance that a college or university program meets the quality standards established by the profession for which it prepares its students. For example, an accredited engineering program must meet the quality standards set by the engineering profession. An accredited computer science program must meet the quality standards set by the computing profession.

## HOW ARE THE QUALITY STANDARDS SET?

The quality standards accreditation requires are set by the ABET professions themselves. This is made possible by the collaborative efforts of many different professional and technical societies. These societies and their members work together through ABET to develop the standards, and they provide the professionals who evaluate the programs to make sure they meet those standards.

## WHY IS ACCREDITATION IMPORTANT?

**Accreditation** helps students and their parents choose quality college programs.

**Accreditation** enables employers and graduate schools to recruit graduates they know are well-prepared.

**Accreditation** is used by registration, licensure, and certification boards to screen applicants.

**Accreditation** gives colleges and universities a structured mechanism to assess, evaluate, and improve the quality of their programs.

## WE ARE PROUD TO BE AN ABET-ACCREDITED PROGRAM.

ABET accreditation is a significant achievement. We have worked hard to ensure that our program meets the quality standards set by the profession. And, because it requires comprehensive, periodic evaluations, ABET accreditation demonstrates our continuing commitment to the quality of our program – both now and in the future.

Our accreditation is important to the constituents we serve. It means that:

Our **students** are ready to practice as soon as they graduate.

Our **local employers** can count on our program graduates to meet their needs.

The **parents** of our students can be proud of the education their sons and daughters receive and confident that their time and money were well spent.

Our **state licensure, certification, and registration boards** know our graduates are prepared to enter the profession.

The **postgraduate institutions** to which our students apply recognize our program for producing graduates with the skills and attributes required by the profession.

Our **institution** supports our program and provides the resources needed to sustain it.

## YOU SHOULD BE PROUD TOO.

When you choose an accredited program, you are choosing wisely. Accreditation assures that a program has met quality standards set by the profession. To employers, graduate schools, and licensure, certification, and registration boards, graduation from an accredited program signifies adequate preparation for entry into the profession. In fact, many of these groups require graduation from an accredited program as a minimum qualification.

Be proud to choose an ABET-accredited program. Whether you study applied science, computing, engineering, or technology, ABET accreditation is an important indicator of your program's commitment to quality and may be a key to your professional future.