



## ACCREDITATION ALERT

from the

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**ALERT: Changes to the *Accreditation Policy and Procedure Manual (APPM)* Section II.A.6. Public Release of Accreditation Information by the Institution/Program for immediate implementation.**

On October 26, 2013 the ABET Board of Directors approved on second reading the following modification to the 2014-15 *Accreditation Policy and Procedure Manual* Section II.6. Public Release of Accreditation Information by the Institution/Program.

II.A.6.a. Each ABET-accredited program must publicly state the program's educational objectives and student outcomes.

II.A.6.b. Each ABET-accredited program must publicly post annual student enrollment and graduation data per program.

**This modification requires IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION BY ALL PROGRAMS ACCREDITED BY ABET.**

Programs accredited by ABET are expected to comply with this requirement immediately, not wait for the next scheduled review. **ABET will examine institutional websites beginning with the next academic semester to ensure compliance.** Additionally, at the time of the next general or interim review, the Self Study or Interim Report must reflect how the program(s) have complied with this policy.

The ABET Board implemented the change in policy pursuant to increasing demands for transparency from higher education. See the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Standard. 12.B., which requires accrediting bodies recognized by CHEA to demonstrate accountability:

12.B. The accrediting organization demonstrates public accountability in two ways. It has standards that call for institutions to provide consistent information about academic quality and student achievement and thus to foster continuing public awareness, confidence, and investment.... To be recognized, the accrediting organization provides evidence that it has implemented:

1. accreditation standards or policies that require institutions or programs routinely to provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program;

This alert does not identify all revisions to the 2014-15 *Accreditation Policy and Procedure Manual (APPM)* or the 2014-15 accreditation criteria, but it highlights revisions that may noticeably affect programs. Each program should review the entire 2014-15 applicable criteria and APPM documents to insure compliance. For quick access to all changes, please check out the "Keeping Up with Accreditation Changes" web page at <http://www.abet.org/keep-up-with-accreditation-changes/>.

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