

Accreditation Process

Accreditation is the principal means of quality assurance in higher education and reflects the fact that in achieving recognition, the institution or program of study is committed and open to external review to meet certain minimum specified standards and also seeks ways to enhance the quality of education

Accreditation is formal recognition of the quality of an educational program by an external - independent agency by impartial assessment on the basis of well-defined criteria of assessment.

It is a process of quality assurance and improvement, whereby a program in an approved Institution is critically appraised to verify that the program continues to meet and/or exceed standards prescribed by the accrediting body from time-to-time.

Accreditation may be summarized as a process, based on professional judgment, for evaluating whether or not an educational Institution or program meets specified standards of educational quality.

Accreditation is a process wherein standards are set and compliance with them is measured.

Steps in accreditation

Accreditation is a three step process

Step 1: Self-evaluation process conducted by the faculty, the administrators and the staff of the institution or academic program, resulting in a report that takes as its reference set of standards and criteria of the accrediting body

Step 2: Site visit by NBA expert team which reviews the evidence, visits the premises and interviews the academic and administrative staff resulting in an assessment report, including a recommendation to the accrediting body

Step 3: Examination of the evidence and recommendation on the basis of the given set of criteria concerning quality and resulting in a final judgment and the communication of the formal decision to the institution and other constituencies, if appropriate.