ADVANTAGES OF ACCREDITATION

Promoting quality construction education since 1974, ACCE is the accrediting body that raises the standard of excellence for construction education through industry and academic partnerships. In particular, the American Council for Construction Education creates value for student, academic, industry and association stakeholders by:

- promoting rigorous accreditation;
- facilitating opportunities for networking, development and innovation;
- sharing best practices and benchmarking;
- and engaging academic and industry thought leaders.

ACCE ACCREDITATION SERVES THE INTERESTS OF:

**Students**, by helping them identify institutions and programs that offer quality construction education. ACCE-accredited programs offer unique opportunities for learning both in the classroom and in the field.

The career experiences that students encounter—through internships, student competitions, labs, and jobsite tours—complement classroom work and prepare graduates for success in the profession. In addition, ACCE accredited programs engage Industry Advisory Boards that meet with program faculty members, participate in classrooms, conduct field trips and provide internships.

**The Construction Industry**, by enabling employers to identify persons who have the potential for making lasting contributions to the construction industry and their profession, and

**Owners/Users of Constructed Facilities and the Public at Large**, by raising the professional caliber of constructors and thus the quality of the construction for which they assume responsibility.

ACCE accredited program graduates are in high demand.

a. Academically prepared in construction methods used in multiple industry sectors.

b. Adept at contemporary technology applications.

c. Experienced with hands-on construction practices.

d. Aware of the need for safety and safety culture.

e. Committed to continuous improvement.

f. Able to lead projects and teams.
SPECIFICALLY, ACCREDITATION OF A CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION PROGRAM BY ACCE ASSURES:

1. Students and prospective employers that the program has met stringent industry standards of content and quality.

   “Now we just recruit from ACCE accredited institutions. Students from accredited programs progress faster and go further in their careers.”
   —Gordon Marshall, Retired, Pepper Construction

2. Program graduates have been provided a quality education enabling them to perform a broad range of professional responsibilities.

   “Regional accrediting bodies ensure the University as a whole meets national standards of quality education, but it is professional accreditation processes at the program level that ensure graduates possess the requisite skills and knowledge for success in the industry and that their future employers are able to influence the content of academic programs serving specific fields of study.”
   —Marty Garza, President, AGC Foundation Bartlett Cocke General Contractors

3. Demonstrates to the construction industry and students that the program performs periodic self-evaluations to keep current with emerging technologies and requirements of the construction industry.

   Accreditation by ACCE assists an institution and its construction education program in maintaining contact with other programs and practicing construction professionals, and enables the program to:

   a) Keep current with emerging technologies in the field.
   b) Increase awareness of current courses, facilities and services provided by other accredited programs.
   c) Improve instructional techniques; and
   d) Access construction industry contacts nationwide.