



STUDENT

GUIDE TO

ACBSP

ACCREDITATION.



What Do Our Graduates Say?

“By choosing an ACBSP accredited accounting program at my community college, I was assured high-quality instruction and an engaging educational experience that provided me with the skill sets needed for success in today’s business world.”

Dana Sulser

Practice Controller Palmetto Ophthalmology Associates, P.A. Lexington, S.C.

“I chose an accredited university which met my demand for a student-focused, ACBSP accredited program that provided a range of skills that has enabled me to work in a global marketplace.”

Margaret McKnight

Assistant to the Senior Director and Director of World Wide Medicinal Chemistry Pfizer Global Research, Chesterfield, MO

Standards of Excellence.

ACBSP ignites a standard of excellence for business education accreditation through student involvement and achievement, innovative curriculum development and research-based teaching methods, as well as setting accreditation standards based on the Baldrige Education Criteria for Performance Excellence. Unlike other accrediting bodies, students are recognized as major stakeholders in setting ACBSP standards.

Employers place a higher value on candidates who have graduated from a business school that follows the ACBSP standards of excellence.



Student Advantages.

Transfer Credits More Easily

Students completing a two-year accredited program **find it easier to transfer earned credits to four-year institutions** for their baccalaureate degree. In pursuing advanced degrees, courses and credits from an accredited school are often more frequently accepted by other institutions.

Access to Entrepreneurial Initiatives

ACBSP business schools **promote close links with business and entrepreneurial initiatives**, as exemplified by its relationship with Enactus. This helps you gain practical experience and network with employers.



Prominence with Regulatory Agencies

Accreditation is achieving greater prominence as a **valuable tool in the work of certain regulatory agencies**. Employers, licensing bodies, and regulatory agencies are reassured by the quality standard embodied in ACBSP accreditation standards.

Membership and Connection

ACBSP-accredited business schools are part of a **global education network**. This network provides member schools with access to exchange programs, study abroad programs, research programs and cultural enrichment for schools of all sizes.

ACBSP also recognizes and works closely with **three international academic business honor societies** — Kappa Beta Delta (associate degree schools), Delta Mu Delta and Sigma Beta Delta (baccalaureate/graduate degree schools). All three provide students with a **lifetime membership** and the ability to apply for **financial scholarships**.

Leadership Recognition

The ACBSP Student Leadership Award was created in order to recognize student leadership. **No other business school accrediting body has an award like it.**

- Students can be recognized for leadership within the business honor society on campus including Enactus team, FBLA-Phi Beta Lambda, Delta Epsilon Chi-DECA, Delta Mu Delta, Sigma Beta Delta, or Kappa Beta Delta.
- Or custom criteria can be developed to honor a deserving student selected by faculty, other students, or by the head of the business unit.



The criteria for the award is not determined by ACBSP, but is determined by the individual campus.

This recognition can be used on your résumé and as part of a graduation or honor awards ceremony.



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