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Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere. - Chinese Proverb

# PROGRAMMATIC ACCREDITATION

As it sounds, a program must usually be accredited by a body of educators that are experts in that field. It is usually recognized by the nation as a whole, or at least in part by that particular industry. Whether it's a university, or a community college, or a local or online program, that program may have to prepare you to take the exam to that allows you to be competitive when looking for a job.

Do you necessarily need to attend an accredited program? That really depends on the field you are interested in. Many either make you eligible to work in that field because it is necessary, or it may boost your resume to suggest you would be successful in the job. Many Soldiers want to go into the medical field, and this will typically require certification, either at the state or federal level.

Accreditation largely follows two processes, either statewide or nationwide. Doctors and veterinarians are actually accredited by their state, as are nurses. Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) have to take a nation-wide test called the NREMT (a nationally-recognized registry exam). So there can be differences, because EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) follow a well-understood national standard, even if each state manages it themselves.

Another must-have programmatic accreditation is the Accrediting Board of Engineering Technology (abet.org). The chances of finding a job as an engineer is pretty slim with out it.

Business accreditation is often touted by schools as giving their graduates an edge in the business industry. Many types of accreditation exist, such as the International Accreditation Council for Business Education, or the Accreditation Council on for Business Schools and Programs. While this type of accreditation may be helpful, it may perhaps be your ability to demonstrate a capacity to increase profits, efficiency and productivity. Fitting into the corporate culture of that particular company may also be emphasized.

Programmaitc accreditation can often be checked at the Department of Education website found here:

https://www.ed.gov/accreditation/search.aspx

The importance is knowing what is required, and what is sought after. Knowing the difference between the two allows you to select which you should pursue first, secondly, and afterwards.

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