

Best Practices in ACTT Accredited Institutions



What is Accreditation?



Accreditation is...

- Part of ACTT's Quality Assurance mechanism
- A process undertaken by institutions
- A status achieved by institutions



ACTT's Criteria for Accreditation

❖ FIVE CATEGORIES:

1. Mission & Purpose
2. Governance and Administration
3. Teaching and Learning
4. Preparedness for Change
5. Commitment to Continuous Improvement

- (For each category there is a criterion statement, standards and examples of evidence to guide the institution)

ACTT's Process for Accreditation

1. Candidacy
2. Preparation of Self Study
3. Peer Review – Validation by External Evaluators
4. Internal Review – Accreditation Review Committee (ARC)
5. Board Affirmation
6. Conferment of Status



Benefits of Accreditation to Institutions

- Ensures the engagement of qualified and competent staff members
- Assures quality in the development and delivery of the curriculum
- Fosters greater sense of commitment from the staff since they directly contribute to quality improvement exercises
- Provides a reliable basis for inter- and intra-institutional cooperative practices, including admissions and transfer of credit and/or students

Benefits of Accreditation to Institutions cont'd

- Promotes ongoing self-evaluation and continuous improvement and provides an effective system for accountability
- Enhances its national reputation and represents peer recognition
- Lends prestige to institutions as they would be in possession of quality standards and unremitting efforts to maintain them at high levels.

Best Practice in Accreditation

- Improved mechanisms for programme development and internal quality assurance of same
- Improved faculty and staff development practices
- Rethinking of Student Support Services which includes students' understanding of their roles and responsibilities in quality assurance

Best Practice in Accreditation cont'd

- Role of research in institutional development activities and innovations regarding modalities for teaching and learning
- Increasing accountability to those who (state, parents and students) pay for education
- Increasing transparency in what they do through reflective reporting
- Innovative ways to deal with challenges and risk as a result of futuristic and/or strategic thinking and planning
- Improvements in Governance and Administration - separation of those who develop policies and those who oversee the day to day running of the institution

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