

The electronic engineering technology program (9420) at Lakeland Community College is accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission (ETAC) of ABET.

### **Why Accreditation Matters to Students**

Earning a degree is a significant achievement and an important investment in your future. Since so much of your future success depends on your educational foundation, the quality of the education you receive makes a big difference.

Earning a degree from an ABET-accredited program:

- Verifies that the quality of the educational experience you've received meets the standards of the profession.
- Increases and enhances employment opportunities.
- Permits and eases entry into a technical profession through licensure, registration, and certification.
- Establishes eligibility for many federal student loans, grants, and/or scholarships.

### **Why Accreditation Matters to Programs and Institutions**

Accreditation provides an opportunity for academic institutions to demonstrate they are committed to maintaining the quality of their programs and that their programs are performing at the level required by the professions they serve. Programs undergo periodic accreditation to ensure that they continue to meet quality standards set by the profession.

When a program becomes ABET-accredited, it means that it:

- Has received international recognition of its quality.
- Promotes "best practices" in education.
- Directly involves faculty and staff in self-assessment and continuous quality improvement processes.
- Is based on "learning outcomes," rather than "teaching inputs."
- Can more easily determine the acceptability of transfer credits.

### **Why Accreditation Matters to Industry and Government**

As an employer, you want to know that your new hires have the right educational background to excel and ABET accreditation provides that assurance.

When ABET program evaluators review educational programs, they make certain the program meets quality standards that provide the students with an appropriate educational experience.

ABET accreditation:

- Ensures that graduates have met the educational requirements necessary to enter the profession.
- Provides opportunities for the industry to guide the educational process to reflect current and future needs.
- Enhances the mobility of professionals.

In addition, ABET accreditation is often used by licensing, registration, and certification boards to screen applicants. This provides additional assurance that our public safety and well-being are in knowledgeable, professional hands.