What is ACCE?

Since 1974, the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE) has been a leading global advocate of quality construction education that promotes, supports, and accredits quality construction education programs.

The primary goal is promotion and continued improvement of post-secondary construction education: specifically, ACCE accredits construction education programs in colleges and universities that request its evaluation and meet its rigorous standards and criteria.

ACCE is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as the accrediting agency for four-year baccalaureate degree programs in construction science, construction management and construction technology. ACCE is also the accrediting agency for two-year associate-degree programs of a like nature. ACCE is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

Benefits of ACCE

Benefit to Owners & Users
ACCE serves the interests of owners and users of constructed facilities and the public at large by raising the professional caliber of constructors and the quality of the construction for which they assume responsibility.

Benefit to Students
ACCE serves the interest of potential students by helping them identify institutions and programs that offer quality education in construction. Students graduating from ACCE accredited programs are better prepared to enter the construction industry.

Benefit to the Industry
ACCE accreditation enables employers to identify quality employees, who by education, have the demonstrated ability to make lasting contributions to their organization and their profession.

Benefit to Faculty
Through ACCE involvement, faculty have opportunities for developing leadership development, networking with peers, and keeping current with trends in construction.
"Having been involved in the college recruiting effort for more than 20 years, I can say that we strive to hire the 'best of the best.' The students we hire from ACCE accredited schools are better prepared, have more construction experience, and make stronger leaders. We are corporate members of ACCE and are involved on several committees. I challenge anyone involved in the construction industry to support ACCE and its efforts to continue to improve the construction education process across America."

Joey Hatch
Corporate Executive Vice President
Skanska USA Building Inc.

"It is a privilege to work with ACCE members to advance the quality of construction education across the country. Through active participation in ACCE, I have developed a deep appreciation for the strength and diversity of ACCE’s accredited two- and four-year programs. It is difficult to imagine why all our competitors are not active in ACCE."

Rebecca Burleson
Senior Team Manager
Linbeck

"We used to recruit in a variety of programs. 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

"CMAA, the Construction Management Association of America, is a proponent of certification and professional development, and strongly supports ACCE’s mission and goals in promoting and enhancing construction higher education. Our owner members seek construction and project managers that have a solid and well-rounded education; skilled in technical areas, with strong communication and business skills. ACCE accreditation indicates a program that offers all of these components."

Christine Hess
Director of Professional Development
Construction Management Association of America

"As I reflect on my journey from novice to executive I come to appreciate the training I received as a Construction Management major from an ACCE accredited program. The construction profession is so much more than means and methods. I have come to cherish the background and perspective I received from my CM education. The semesters of accounting, contract and business law and the emphasis from the department chairman that writing skills are vital continues to serve me well. I have not sized a beam in decades, but I used a cash flow report today. We keep score with accounting and we persuade via the written word and our presentation skills. My ACCE accredited Construction Management Degree has served me well."

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Professionalism
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ACCE secures the future of the construction industry by accrediting high quality construction education for our future construction leaders.