

<b>Program Accreditation</b>	Procedure Number	670
	Effective Date	February 1, 2019

**1.0 PURPOSE**

The purpose of program accreditation is to assess and verify educational quality in particular professions or occupations to assure that individuals will be qualified to enter those disciplines. UA-PTC programs can be accredited by state and/or national entities.

**2.0 REVISION HISTORY**

Adopted on:  
 July 1993  
 Revised on:  
 September 2014  
 November 2018

**3.0 PERSONS AFFECTED**

Students and employees

**4.0 DEFINITIONS**

**5.0 PROCEDURES**

A specialized accrediting agency recognizes the course of instruction, which comprises a unique set of skills, and knowledge, develops the accreditations standards by which such educational programs are evaluated, conducts evaluation of programs, and publishes a list of accredited programs that meet the national accreditation standards. Accreditation standards are developed in consultation with those affected by the standards that represent the broad community of interests.

- A. The evaluation/accreditation process offers both a means of providing public assurance of an institution’s effectiveness and a stimulus to instructional improvement.
- B. Serves as a guide for assisting program development.
- C. Serves as a stimulus for the improvement of established programs.
- D. Provides criteria for the evaluation of new and established programs.

Accreditation for degree and certification programs should be sought wherever possible.

REQUIRED APPROVALS	NAME/SIGNATURE	DATE
Originator(s) Name(s):	PTC Board of Trustees	July 1993

Ratified by:	UA-PTC Policy Review Dr. Marla Strecker, Provost	November 2018 January 2019
Recommended by Chancellor (Signature)	Margaret Ellibee	February 1, 2019
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