

# The Value of Accreditation

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What is Accreditation? According to the National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences (NACCAS): Accreditation means that a school has met national standards of educational performance which have been established by an impartial non-governmental agency. The accrediting of schools by professional, national and regional associations of like schools (schools with similar objectives and subject content), has long characterized the American educational scene. Through the years, accreditation of schools has been the most authoritative and reliable index of a school's concern for integrity toward its students and quality education.

While an accrediting agency is not part of the government, the U.S. Department of Education has officially recognized several agencies. NACCAS is such a nationally recognized accrediting agency under the provisions of Chapter 33, Title 38, U.S. Code and subsequent legislation. A school becomes accredited by formal action of the Commission. It bases its action on information submitted by the school and the reports of a specially appointed inspection team which has visited the school and evaluated it according to established standards. Accreditation does not mean that all schools are the same. It does mean that they conform to a set of common minimum standards established by the Commission. These standards demonstrate a wide range of acceptability. Why Accreditation Is Important? Accreditation demonstrates to potential students, current students, alumni, local or national employers, and clinic visitors that the Frederick School of Cosmetology is a quality organization, as measured and observed by NACCAS. Our commitment to our students' success is underscored by the accreditation from NACCAS.