



**IACBE Accreditation
for Business Programs**

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Why Specialized Accreditation?

- ✓ Signals to prospective students that the college is committed to offering a quality education to students.
- ✓ Indicates that the school has placed an added focus on ensuring excellence in a specific program area.
- ✓ Provides third-party quality assurance. As a CHEA recognized accreditor, the IACBE provides external accountability for the quality of an institution's business programs.
- ✓ Includes sharing of best practices in business education through conferences and workshops that assist with business faculty development.
- ✓ Helps provide a competitive advantage in recruiting students.



If your goal is to provide a quality education to students and grow your institution, a membership with a specialized accreditor can be part of making this happen.

About the IACBE



The IACBE specializes in Accreditation for Business Programs in Higher Education.

Non-Profit Organization

25+
YEARS

Founded in 1997

CHEA Council for
Higher Education
Accreditation
CHEA International Quality Group **CIQG**

Recognized by
CHEA

2,200+ BUSINESS
PROGRAMS

Accredited Worldwide

Members in

30

Countries

Annual
Conference

SPRING

Regional
Assembly Meetings

FALL

About CHEA

A private, non-profit national organization that coordinates accreditation activity in the United States. CHEA represents more than 3,000 colleges and universities and 60 national, regional, and specialized accreditors.

Recognition by CHEA affirms that the standards and processes of the accrediting organization are consistent with the academic quality, improvement and accountability expectations that CHEA has established, including the eligibility standard that the majority of institutions or programs each accredits are degree-granting.

“The IACBE accredits business, accounting and business-related degree programs at the associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels in institutions of higher education worldwide.”
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SOURCE: <https://www.chea.org/international-accreditation-council-business-education>

Requirements for Educational Membership



1. Institution has a publicly stated mission appropriate to a college or university.
2. Institution has approval to confer higher education business degrees by the agency that regulates higher education in its geographic region.

Program Eligibility



A “program” eligible for IACBE accreditation:

1. Leads to the awarding of a credential at the U.S.-equivalent Associate, Bachelor’s, Master’s, or Doctoral level
 - **Undergraduate:** 30 percent or more of the total credits in **Areas of Business**
 - **Graduate:** 50 percent or more of the total credits in **Areas of Business**

2. Appears on a student’s official transcript

Areas of Business

- Business Administration
- Accounting
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- International Business
- Leadership
- Logistics
- Management
- Marketing
- Business Strategy
- Economics
- Business Law
- Ethics
- Communication
- Analytics
- Quantitative methods



Stages of Membership



STAGE 1



EDUCATIONAL MEMBER

Met the IACBE's requirements for educational membership and has affirmed its commitment to excellence in business education.

STAGE 2



CANDIDATE FOR ACCREDITATION

Been deemed eligible by the IACBE Board of Commissioners to undergo a review of its business programs for specialized accreditation.

STAGE 3



MEMBER WITH ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

Achieved IACBE specialized accreditation for one or more business-related programs, and has affirmed its continued commitment to excellence in business education.

The length of time it takes to progress through the stages of membership varies by institution. Most progressions take between two and three years.

Membership Process Timing and Cost



YEAR

1

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| 1. Apply for Educational Membership and be accepted (*prorated) | \$700 - \$2,750 |
| 2. Attend Private Accreditation Institute (AI) | \$ 850 |
| 3. Submit Candidacy Application Part 1 | \$ 1,500 |
| 4. Annual Membership Dues | \$ 2,750 |

YEAR

2

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| 1. Submit Candidacy Application Part 2 | - |
| 2. Board of Commissioners review for Candidacy | - |
| 3. If approved: Apply for First-Time Accreditation & schedule site visit | \$ 1,850 |
| 4. Annual Membership Dues | \$ 2,750 |

YEAR

3

- | | |
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| 1. Submit Final Self-Study | - |
| 2. Site Visit (**estimated cost) | \$ 1,800 |
| 3. Board of Commissioners review for Accreditation of Programs | - |

Important Notes

*New member dues prorated for month of application. Jan-Mar \$2,750, Apr-Jun \$2,100, Jul-Sep \$1,400, Oct-Dec \$700

**In addition to travel, food, and incidental expenses incurred for visit.

Timeline is for sample illustration only. Individual schools will vary, averaging 24 months for a normal progression.

Actual costs depend on process start date. Please contact the IACBE for a detailed plan.

Visit our [website](http://www.iacbe.org) for detailed cost and fee information, which is subject to change. (www.iacbe.org > About > Cost & Fees)

Total Estimated Cost: ~ \$15,000

Your Partner from Start to Finish



**Exceptional.
Collaborative.
Collegial.**

We are a premiere accreditor, committed to a streamlined, high-quality process that respects your budget. We are focused on quality outcomes without prescribing inputs. Our transparency ensures clear expectations throughout, and we prioritize excellent customer service.

We partner with you. We are consistently available to connect with you throughout the accreditation process, and our leaders understand your world because they have applicable experience.

We foster a collegial community by sharing best practices, providing networking opportunities, and offering development resources, scholarship opportunities, and coaching. Together, we work towards excellence in business education.

Getting Started



Become an Educational Member

1. Submit Application for Educational Membership.
2. Allow IACBE Staff to review your application and verify qualifications.
3. Pay Membership Dues and become an Educational Member.



Member Benefits

- ✓ Access to our Members-Only Resources
- ✓ Coaching
- ✓ Professional Development Opportunities
- ✓ IACBE Services and Products Discounts
- ✓ Journal for Advancing Business Education (JABE)
- ✓ Access to Featured Jobs listings

Contact Us



You can expect excellent customer service from every member of our team, and we'd love to connect with you.



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