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Colorado Technical University Awarded Accreditation of its Business Programs

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO, (Dec. 19, 2013) — The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Baccalaureate/Graduate Degree Board of Commissioners recently awarded Colorado Technical University (CTU) initial accreditation of key business programs*.

“Colorado Technical University has shown its commitment to teaching excellence and to the process of quality improvement by participating in the accreditation process,” said ACBSP Director of Accreditation Steve Parscale, who will present the Certificate of Initial Accreditation at the 2014 ACBSP Annual Conference in Chicago on June 29, 2014. “This accreditation is evidence that Colorado Technical University is committed to providing the highest quality business education for their students.”

Established in 1988, ACBSP is the only organization offering specialized business accreditation for all degree levels, from associate to doctoral degree programs. ACBSP accreditation certifies that the teaching and learning processes within the Business & Management degree programs* offered at CTU meet the rigorous educational standards established by ACBSP.

“While many factors contribute to a good business program, I think faculty is the most important factor,” said Dr. Constance Johnson, provost and chief academic officer of CTU. “And, we are fortunate to have exemplary professors helping to enrich the minds of our students through sharing their real-world examples and going that extra mile.”

Key reasons that secured this accreditation included:

- Curricula that address the common professional components of quality business programs;
- Robust structures and processes, including an advisory board and several surveys, that provide input from students, employers and other stakeholders for the purpose of improving business programs and services;
- A focus on deploying highly qualified and experienced faculty teaching undergraduate courses;
- A standardized, multi-year cycle for assessing student learning that includes systematic faculty review of student assignments and results in the implementation of recommended improvements; and
- Emphasis on process and program improvements designed to provide excellent instruction.

“We’re pleased ACBSP granted us with the initial accreditation for our business degree programs. The accreditation acknowledges the power of our unique combination of real-world faculty experience, a problem-based learning model and classroom technologies that facilitate more interactive learning,” said Gail Whitaker, university dean of CTU’s College of Business and Management. “For our students, this accreditation represents our commitment to offer professional market-driven business degrees that build business competencies transferrable to all industries.”

This designation punctuates CTU’s leadership in business curriculum. CTU’s College of Business and Management has also been recognized by CEO Magazine, who ranked the university’s online MBA program among the top 10 online MBA programs in the world (2012); as well as the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), which acknowledged that CTU’s MBA and BSBA degrees in Human Resource Management fully align with its *HR Curriculum Guidebook and Template*. Additionally, CTU offers the largest selection in the Midwest of project management degree programs that are Global Accreditation Center accredited by the Project Management Institute, or PMI.

About Colorado Technical University

Founded in 1965, Colorado Technical University (CTU) provides higher education to connect students to what matters most in reaching their professional goals. CTU offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs taught by real-world faculty members who enrich the curriculum with their industry experience and prepare students for today’s challenges and the hard-hitting problems of tomorrow. CTU’s personalized, online learning system allows students to control what, where, when and how they learn. Students can also learn and connect on campuses in [multiple cities](#). With the help of faculty, industry professionals and more than 70,000 alumni, CTU students can also grow a powerful professional network to use their entire career. For more information, please visit www.coloradotech.edu.

CTU is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association, www.ncahlc.org. CTU is also a member of the Career Education Corporation (NASDAQ:CECO) network of universities, colleges and schools. For more information, visit www.careered.com. CTU cannot guarantee employment or salary. Find disclosures on graduation rates, student financial obligations and more at <http://www.coloradotech.edu/financial-aid/student-disclosures>.

About ACBSP

ACBSP’s mission is to promote continuous improvement and recognize excellence in the accreditation of business education programs around the world. ACBSP, www.acbsp.org, is recognized by the [Council for Higher Education Accreditation \(CHEA\)](#) as a specialized accreditation agency for business education. ACBSP currently has 1,227 member campuses, 186 of which are located outside of the U.S. Of those campuses, 800 have achieved accreditation and more than 345 are in candidacy for accreditation. Individual members on these campuses now exceed 10,000. [FAQs](#) / [Accreditation FAQs](#)

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**The following programs are not accredited by ACBSP since they are currently being taught out: BSBA Accounting, BSBA General, BSBA Marketing Management, BSBA Property Management, MBA Environmental and Social Sustainability, and MBA Mediation and Dispute Resolution, as well as our MSM and DM programs which were not submitted for consideration.*