



## ANSI ACCREDITATION FOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS



Quality. Value. Recognition.

# Why ANSI Certificate Accreditation?

In 2009, the American National Standards Institute Certificate Accreditation Program (ANSI-CAP) was launched, to document that a certificate program meets a globally recognized American National Standard for quality, conformed to ANSI/ASTM E2659, *Standard Practice for Certificate Programs*. Since then, over 100 certificate programs across the globe have received ANSI-CAP Accreditation – a third-party attestation that proves a program's quality and credibility to the public with the verification from an American National Standard. ANSI-CAP Accreditation demonstrates market value and indicates international recognition for employers and workers alike, thereby strengthening the overall quality of the American and global workforce.

## Formal International Recognition

ANSI accreditation is recognized across borders, saving time and money for ANSI-accredited organizations and facilitating expanded market opportunities. ANSI is a founding member of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and is the U.S. representative to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and, via the U.S. National Committee, the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC). ANSI's accreditation process complies with ISO/IEC 17011, *Conformity assessment – General requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies*, the International Standard that defines quality accreditation practices.

## Government and Industry Recognition

- ANSI is the only accreditor for standards as American National Standards.
- ANSI-CAP is recognized and required by the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) under DoD Instruction 1322.29 for Job Training, Employment Skills Training, Apprenticeships and Internship.
- The U.S. Department of Education (DoE) has selected ANSI-CAP as a quality assurance entity (QAE) to join its higher education initiative, Educational Quality through Innovative Partnerships (EQUIP).
- In addition, U.S. Federal agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Department of Energy formally require accreditation from ANSI-CAP for government contracts and grants.
- State laws such as in California, Illinois, Arizona, West Virginia, Texas, and New Mexico require food handlers to obtain a training certificate from an ANSI-CAP accredited certificate issuer.





## Competitive Advantage

- ANSI accreditation assures that, participants-learners have achieved measurable learning outcomes at the end of a course or program
- ANSI accreditation provides educational defensibility to your program, conforming content validity and assessment validity and reliability.
- ANSI accreditation mark increases prestige and improves the market value of your certificate program for your stakeholders.

## ANSI's Accreditation Principles

- Openness
- Balance
- Due process
- Transparency
- Consensus



## The ANSI Accreditation Process

A standard is only as good as its enforcement. ANSI's success over the past decade has been on account of an international standard enforced with the utmost rigor.

- ANSI has demonstrated compliance to the international standard ISO/IEC 17011, *General requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies*.
- ANSI's accreditation process involves a three-level review, comprising review by staff, by contracted assessors, and by accreditation committee members.
- ANSI's accreditation process includes onsite visits to a certificate issuer's location and performance testing site to verify implementation.
- ANSI's team of highly competent assessors, accreditation committee members, and staff ensure the accreditation process results in continued improvement and capacity building.
- ANSI accreditation is a stamp of good corporate governance and provides leadership with an effective tool to gauge the performance of all aspects of a certificate program.



**ANSI CERTIFICATE ACCREDITATION PROGRAM  
(ANSI-CAP)**

UNDER ANSI/ASTM E2659 (STANDARD PRACTICE  
FOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS)

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