What is accreditation?
A fully accredited program meets a set of basic criteria established by ABET, the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

How many computer programs are accredited?
There are approximately 165 accredited computer science programs nationwide. Only a handful of computer science programs in Maryland are accredited.

What are the advantages of accreditation?

- Accredited programs are reviewed every three or six years. They are required to meet defined standards to assure a certain level of quality.

- Tells parents and prospective students that a program has met minimum standards.

- Tells faculty, deans and administrators of a program’s strengths and weaknesses and of ways to improve the program.

- Tells employers that graduates are prepared to begin professional practice.

- State licensing boards and certification programs may require graduation from an ABET-accredited program as the first step in the registration or certification process for professional practice.

- In some instances, ABET accreditation may permit students to receive federal funds in the form of scholarships, loans and grants.