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ACBSP awards Northern Maine Community College Reaffirmation of Accreditation of its business programs

Aroostook County, ME & Overland Park, KS – The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Associate Degree Board of Commissioners recently awarded Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle, Maine, reaffirmation of accreditation of its business programs. NMCC is the only college or university in northern Maine to receive such accreditation of its business programs.

ACBSP accreditation certifies that the teaching and learning processes within the business school at NMCC meet the rigorous educational standards established by ACBSP.

“Northern Maine Community College has shown their continued 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 Reaffirmation of Accreditation at the ACBSP Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, on June 17, 2012. “This accreditation is evidence that Northern Maine Community College is committed to providing the highest quality business education for their students for the past 10 years and for the next 10 years.”

ACBSP is a leading specialized accreditation council for business education supporting, celebrating, and rewarding teaching excellence. Established in 1988, ACBSP is the only business accrediting organization for all associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degree programs. Its mission is to promote continuous improvement and recognize excellence in the accreditation of business education programs around the world.

“The faculty within the business technology department take great pride in their accreditation of their various programs. Their dedication to quality improvement of the business courses and programs has supported the department’s goal for reaffirmation of its accreditation for a ten-year period,” said Dwight Clayton, chair of the NMCC business technology department. “In addition to the public statement of quality that the reaffirmation provides, in many cases our designation as an ACBSP accredited school facilitates the ease of transition for our students to four-year institutions regionally and throughout the country.”

The ACBSP accreditation applies to all business programs offered by NMCC that culminate in the associate in applied science degree. Those include the business administration, accounting information systems, and medical office administration programs. Enrollment in all programs offered through the business technology department at NMCC in the current academic year is 185.

ACBSP continues to grow, having recently added its 10th region to better serve member institutions in South Asia. ACBSP is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as a specialized accreditation agency for business education. ACBSP currently has 1,051 member campuses, 157 of which are located outside of the U.S. Of those campuses, 541 have achieved accreditation and more than 415 are in candidacy for accreditation. Individual members on these campuses now exceed 9,500.

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Northern Maine Community College business technology department instructor Pam Crawford (standing, left) works with a group of students in one of the classes she teaches. The College was recently awarded reaffirmation of accreditation of its business programs by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Associate Degree Board of Commissioners.