IT Bachelor's Degree Program at Tulane SoPA Earns ABET Accreditation

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The Tulane School of Professional Advancement's (SoPA) Bachelor of Science degree program in Information Technology was accredited this month by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET. ABET is the leading global accreditor of college and university programs in applied and natural science, computing, engineering, and engineering technology.

ABET accreditation assures that programs meet standards to produce graduates ready to enter critical technical fields leading the way in innovation and emerging technologies and anticipating the welfare and safety needs of the public.

"It has always been our goal to create and offer Information Technology Programs that are not only fully applied and structured to deliver industry-ready technical skills, but also coursework that meets the highest academic standards," said Ralph Russo, Director of Information Technology Programs at Tulane SoPA. "The highly respected, third-party ABET accreditation confirms that students are receiving the highest quality curriculum, courses, content, labs, available delivered by expert faculty." ABET's voluntary peer-review process is highly respected because it adds critical value to academic programs in the technical disciplines, where quality, precision and safety are of the utmost importance. Accreditation is valid through 2028 at which time a recertification process begins.

"We are so excited that ABET has chosen to acknowledge the quality of SoPA's program in Information Technology," said Suri Duitch, Dean of Tulane SoPA. "We look forward to continuing to support the program's students, alumni and faculty in their ongoing pursuit of excellence."

ABET criteria focus on what students experience and learn. The accreditation reviews program curricula, faculty, facilities, and institutional support and is conducted by teams of highly skilled professionals from industry, academia, and government, with expertise in the ABET disciplines.

ABET is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization that currently accredits 4,361 programs at 850 colleges and universities in 41 countries and areas. Details about the accreditation criteria used to evaluate programs can be found at <u>www.abet.org</u>.