Retroactive Accreditation

ABET accreditation can be granted only if at least one student has graduated from the designated program. Retroactive accreditation may be granted to cover students who graduated during the academic year prior to the evaluation visit. Typically, these are the students whose sample work and transcripts have been evaluated. Thus, if a new program desires to have its first graduates covered by accreditation, the program's initial visit should be arranged for the September-December time period immediately following the academic year in which the first students graduate.

Ref: ABET Document A015 – 11/29/12
(http://www.abet.org/uploadedFiles/Accreditation/New_To_Accreditation/New%20Program%20FAQ-10-11.pdf)

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