

Importance of an accredited degree



Accreditation agencies monitor, evaluate and assess the standard and quality of a university degree. Some professions require the degree course to be approved by a professional body in order to gain employment in that field. A degree that has been accredited counts towards registration with a professional body; some organisations will not allow you to work in a specific field if you do not have the required professional accreditation.

It should also be noted that some job titles are legally protected; for example you cannot call yourself a psychologist if you do not have registration with the British Psychology Society or the Australian Psychology Society.

A degree that has been accredited acknowledges that the degree meets defined set of criteria. This thus gives an assurance of the quality of a degree - the degree has covered everything you need to know for a career in that particular field.

You should be looking for an accredited degree if

- you want the degree to lead to a particular type of job
- requires high level of skills and knowledge.

A wide variety of professions require accredited qualifications - accountancy, allied health fields such as physiotherapy or dietetics, architecture, engineering, medicine, dentistry, town planning, psychology, law, pharmacy, etc.

Being a member of a professional body brings additional advantages - for example opportunities for further training, networking opportunities, newsletters to keep abreast of developments in your field, etc.

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