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New York, NY, The City College of New York’s bachelor’s degree program in Biomedical Engineering has been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc., the recognized accreditor of college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology. ABET accreditation demonstrates a program’s commitment to providing its students with a quality education.

Quote from Biomedical Engineering Department Chair, John Tarbell
“We are delighted to have received ABET accreditation on our very first review. The Biomedical Engineering Department at City College was formed in 2002 with its first graduating class in 2006. We have worked diligently and continuously to develop a quality program that prepares graduates to meet the challenges of a complex world that is ever more dependent on advances in biomedical science and engineering. We are proud of our graduates and confident that they are ready to meet these challenges.”

Accreditation is a voluntary, peer-review process that requires programs to undergo comprehensive, periodic evaluations. The evaluations, conducted by teams of volunteer professionals working in industry, government, academe, and private practice within the ABET disciplines, focus on program curricula, faculty, facilities, institutional support, and other important areas.

One of the key elements of ABET accreditation is the requirement that programs continuously improve the quality of education provided. As part of this continuous improvement requirement, programs set specific, measurable goals for their students and graduates, assess their success at reaching those goals, and improve their programs based on the results of their assessment.

In addition to providing colleges and universities a structured mechanism to assess, evaluate, and improve their programs, accreditation also helps students and their parents choose quality college programs, enables employers and graduates schools to recruit graduates they know are well-prepared, and is used by registration, licensure, and certification boards to screen applicants.

ABET is a not-for-profit organization, owned and operated by its more than 25 professionals and technical member societies. An internationally respected organization with some 1500
volunteers, ABET has set the higher-educational standards in its fields for nearly 75 years. More information about ABET, its member societies, and the evaluation criteria used to accredit programs can be found at [www.abet.org](http://www.abet.org).

The City College of New York (CCNY), the first college of The City University of New York (CUNY), is a comprehensive teaching, research, and service institution dedicated to accessibility and excellence in undergraduate and graduate education. Requiring demonstrated potential for admission and a high level of accomplishment for graduation, the College provides a diverse student body with opportunities to achieve academically, creatively, and professionally in the liberal arts and sciences and in professional fields such as engineering, education, architecture, and biomedical education. The College is committed to fostering student-centered education and advancing knowledge through scholarly research. As a public university with public purposes, it also seeks to contribute to the cultural, social, and economic life of New York.

For more information about The City College of New York’s bachelor’s degree program in Biomedical Engineering, visit [www.bme.ccny.cuny.edu](http://www.bme.ccny.cuny.edu).