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North Design Labs CEO and ReAllocate.org Founder [Mike North](#) will keynote the [2013 ABET Symposium](#), April 12-13 in Portland, OR. North's presentation, *The Millennial Engineer*, focuses on the importance of preparing students to successfully "design in context," collaborating to ensure that technical solutions have optimal impact. In addition, [Amy Moll and Steve Yalisove](#) will speak candidly about ABET and its role in program improvement and innovation with their presentation, *ABET: A Help or Hindrance?* Get further details about these distinguished speakers on the [2013 ABET Symposium webpage](#).



Invent-a-Sessions, Virtual Participation Option, Evening Self-Study Report Room Hours Among New ABET Symposium Features

[The 2013 ABET Symposium](#) retains many popular elements from the past, including more than 70 concurrent sessions on assessment and accreditation processes, and roundtables with commission leadership. Also, previous participant feedback has led to the development of some exciting new features for 2013:

- Discussions with members of ABET's Academic and Industry Advisory Councils
- Invent-a-Sessions, where participants can propose their own topics and then share with like-minded colleagues
- An even better [Self-Study Report Room](#) experience, with extended hours and a panel of representatives taking questions about their program's report
- [Guest/spouse registration options](#) for event meals and receptions
- Virtual Symposium registration that allows participants worldwide to view sessions online after the event



2013 ABET Symposium registration is now open, so [sign up](#) today!



Three-Hour and Full-Day Workshops Accompany 2013 Symposium in Portland

Attending the 2013 ABET Symposium is only the beginning! Symposium registrants can also attend three-hour [Pre-Symposium Workshops](#) on Thursday, April 11. This year's topics are:

- Creating a Culture of Assessment: Facilitating Change at Your Institution
- Learning to Lead Intentionally
- Using Project Management to Create Your Self-Study and Prepare for the Visit
- Developing and Implementing a Sustainable Assessment Plan

Additionally, ABET is holding two day-long [Program Assessment Workshops](#), one on Thursday, April 11, preceding the Symposium and another on Sunday, April 14, following the event. These workshops are open to everyone, but Symposium participants receive a \$100 discount if they register for the Symposium and either Program Assessment Workshop at the same time. Seats are limited, so [register now!](#)



ABET Program Assessment Workshop at ASEE Northeast Regional Conference in March

Whether you are attending the ASEE Northeast Regional Conference or just happen to live on the East Coast, you are invited to ABET's next Program Assessment Workshop! The day-long session will take place on Thursday, March 14, at Norwich University in Northfield, VT, and registration opens Monday, January 21. See the [ASEE Northeast Regional Conference page](#) for details.

Get Professional Development Hours for Attending ABET Events!

[Professional development hours \(PDHs\)](#) refer to work-related training that leads to professional license, certification, or credential renewal. ABET offers PDHs for participation in its workshops, the ABET Symposium, and volunteer training activities. ABET will issue a certificate of completion, upon request, after participants attend those events.

Acceptance of PDHs is at the discretion of each individual licensing, credentialing, or certifying body, and some bodies require pre-approval for PDHs. Licensees and certificants should contact their respective boards or bodies to learn more about their PDH requirements.



Reminder: Requests for Evaluation Due January 31

Programs seeking a review during the 2013-14 accreditation cycle must submit a [Request for Evaluation \(RFE\)](#) to ABET Headquarters no later than Thursday, January 31. In addition to submitting the RFE online, programs outside of the United States having an initial or general review must also send hard copies of their [Request for Approval \(RFA\)](#) and student transcripts to ABET Headquarters by that same date.

Please note that you will need your ABET user ID and password to complete the online processes. Can't find them? [Contact ABET's Information Management Department](#) for assistance.

New Eligibility Requirements for Initial Accreditation Reviews

From this point forward, ABET requires a preliminary Self-Study Report from all programs seeking initial accreditation if their institution does not have any ABET-accredited programs under the commission that will review the program(s) seeking initial accreditation. A review of each preliminary report, called the [Readiness Review](#), will help ABET determine whether an institution is prepared to submit a formal [Request for Evaluation \(RFE\)](#) for that program.

If your program is required to undergo a Readiness Review and expects to seek an initial review during the 2013-14 cycle, you **must** submit a preliminary Self-Study Report to ABET by Friday, February 15, 2013. Learn more about the Readiness Review [here](#) and in the [Accreditation Policy and Procedure Manual \(APPM\)](#), Section II.E.6.



Seeking Your Comments About Accreditation Criteria and Policy Changes

At its fall meeting, the ABET Board of Directors approved an array of changes to accreditation criteria and policies. ABET welcomes your review and comment about [these updates](#).

- For the first time, ABET is accepting comments about revisions to the *Accreditation Policy and Procedure Manual (APPM)*. Proposed changes include requiring a program to post student performance data. To provide comments, e-mail accreditation@abet.org with "APPM Proposed Changes" in the subject line.
- There are proposed revisions to the general criteria for computing, engineering, and engineering technology as well as to the program criteria for engineering and engineering technology areas. Directions to comment on each of these revisions are listed within [this Accreditation Alert](#).