



Summary from Summit

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MISSION

To enhance the global competitiveness of U.S. business and the American quality of life by promoting and facilitating voluntary consensus standards and conformity assessment systems and ensuring their integrity.

A Private- and Public-Sector Partnership Since 1918

ANSI is not a government agency or a standards developer.

GOALS OF SUMMIT

- Determine what industries and education programs would benefit from a certificate accreditation program?
- To determine the value proposition of ANSI offering an accreditation program to the certificate community
- To gain consensus on what should and should not be included in the scope of the program
- To determine next steps and how ANSI should move forward
- To determine who is missing from the table

DETERMINE WHAT INDUSTRIES AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS WOULD BENEFIT FROM A CERTIFICATE ACCREDITATION PROGRAM?

- Consumers and the public
- Industry
- Regulatory Agencies
- Federal Government

TO DETERMINE THE VALUE PROPOSITION OF ANSI OFFERING AN ACCREDITATION PROGRAM TO THE CERTIFICATE COMMUNITY

- Return on Investment
 - ◆ Proof that training outcomes lead to on-the-job results
 - ◆ Reduce the financial burden of employers
- Offer programs credibility and recognition through ANSI recognition
- Educate the market to understand the differences between a certificate program and a certification program and where each one is appropriate

ANSI SHOULD...

- ◆ Evaluate both the certificate and the certificate provider
- ◆ Provide normative industry references where appropriate
- ◆ Provide proof that outcomes will produce on-the-job results

ANSI SHOULD NOT...

- ◆ Expect a standard in six months
- ◆ Copy the standards that exist for the personnel certification program
- ◆ Place additional requirements on organizations that are already required to undergo quality assurance
- ◆ Make the process too time consuming for applicants

TO DETERMINE NEXT STEPS

- Evaluate the composition and role of National Advisory Panel
- Develop the scope of the standards
 - ◆ Standards that any certificate program can achieve in order to identify quality programs
 - ◆ Determine the methodology for evaluation of performance (unlike standardized testing)
- Conduct a pilot program
- Create market value for an accreditation program

TO DETERMINE WHO IS MISSING FROM THE TABLE

- Employer representation
- State and local regulators
- Medical device and pharmaceutical industry representation
- Bio-tech
- Food industry and packaging
- Financial services
- Local first responders