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Hospitality program recognized

Hotel, restaurant
management program
brings national attention

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This last summer Eastern Michigan received a national honor no other university in Michigan can claim: a nationally

accredited hotel and restaurant management program for undergraduate students. Granted by the national Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration (ACPHA), this accreditation opens several new doors for EMU.

The most notable benefit for EMU from this accreditation is visibility. By putting EMU on the map it draws students in and tells employers to look at EMU for high-quality students and future employees.

Susan Gregory, program coordinator

and a professor of hotel and restaurant management at EMU said the accreditation was hard earned.

"We went through a really intensive review of the program," Gregory said.

The assessment required submitting documentation of course content and the credentials of the professors as well as the facilities. In addition, a team of experts came to EMU to interview students, faculty and administration as well as inspect the facilities. All this was done to measure the

university's support of the program.

The review from ACPHA is a nationally accepted status of credentials which lasts for seven years. The accreditation lets the students in the program know the faculty is working to meet their needs and the needs of the industry, Gregory said.

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