

- Accreditation Update 4: Vote to formally develop the NACC Accreditation Process, August 2017

## **Update | August 17, 2017**

At the Member Meeting in Indianapolis, IN on July 31, 2017, the NACC Membership voted to move forward on the proposed Accreditation Process. We'll be preparing a full update on this soon. In the meantime, we're pleased to share with you this article featured in *Nonprofit Quarterly* this afternoon, "NACC Votes for Accreditation of Nonprofit and Philanthropic Academic Programs," written by our member Jeannie Fox of Hamline University.

*The membership of the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council (NACC) voted at its annual meeting on July 31st to pursue the development of an accreditation process for its institutional members, all of whom provide graduate and/or undergraduate education with a focus on the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors. Why is this significant? As an academic discipline, the field of nonprofit studies only started to emerge about 35 years ago. This is in stark contrast to such established disciplines as the classic fields of liberal arts or sciences, which date back to our earliest universities. NACC's history of establishing published curricular guidelines, and now a move toward formal accreditation, is an important step in the ongoing maturing and professionalization of the sector.*

**Continue reading the full article here:**

<https://nonprofitquarterly.org/2017/08/17/nacc-votes-accreditation-program-academic-degrees-nonprofit-philanthropic-studies/>

Much appreciation to our members for voting to move forward on this process, to Matthew Hale and Renee Irvin for their contributions to this article, to Jeannie Hamline for authoring the article, and to the Accreditation Task Force who helped make this process possible.

Please stay tuned for more comprehensive coverage of the Accreditation Process history and next steps.