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Physics Department Accreditation: Preparing our physics students to enter the workforce. KATHRYN SVINARICH, Kettering University

Most undergraduate physics majors enter the workforce after graduation instead of heading to graduate school. For most careers, it's clear that subject matter knowledge is not enough. Graduates must be able to effectively articulate that knowledge to multiple audiences at vastly different levels of technical expertise. Foreign language skills, global awareness, an entrepreneurial mindset, and knowledge of societal context are all important to employers today. These facets of workplace readiness are incorporated into learning outcomes at the heart of the ABET accreditation process. Through ABET accreditation, we are assuring employers that our applied physics graduates are achieving these outcomes and are better prepared for careers, both in and outside academia.