As established by the Collateral Organizations (ACSA, AIA, AIAS, and NCARB) that have funded the organization since 1940, NAAB provides accreditation services and oversight to ensure architecture programs meet key quality assurance responsibilities.

Accreditation is a peer review process powered by volunteers: 140+ volunteers collectively spend 10,000+ hours each year to conduct NAAB site visits and evaluations.

NAAB currently accredits 175 architecture programs

2022 Collateral Contributions Per Program

- $2,479.13 for ACSA
- $2,479.13 for AIAS
- $58.14 for AIA
- $2,479.13 for NCARB

This translates to $43 per student.

A NAAB-accredited degree meets the education requirement for registration in all 55 U.S. jurisdictions; it is required in 35.

In 2020, with the support of the Collateral Organizations, NAAB embraced a more comprehensive approach to accreditation, one that utilizes outcome-based criteria to assess not only whether a program effectively teaches, but also whether students are learning and demonstrating competency in their area of study.

For more on the future of NAAB, visit https://www.naab.org/about/priorities-for-the-future/.