

## News and Announcements

The Accounting Program at the University of Houston-Clear Lake has separate accounting accreditation from AACSB International. An Accounting Peer Review Team from AACSB International visited the university in October 2008. Our separate accounting accreditation was reaffirmed in January 2009. Our next visit is scheduled for the academic year 2013-2014. At the present time, only 171 universities from around the world have both accounting and business accreditation.

The Accounting Program was commended by AACSB International for the following practices:

1. Strong strategic management plan
2. Effective learning assessment plan
3. Quality of new faculty
4. Relationship with local community colleges

In the fall of 2008, the Accounting Program had 416 juniors and seniors majoring in accounting and 134 master's degree candidates.

Our faculty is active in professional organizations. Mattie Porter was Chair of the Texas Society of CPAs Relations with Educational Institutions Committee and was on the Editorial Board for the bimonthly publication of the Texas Society of CPAs, *Today's CPA*. Don Kyle was on the Board of the Houston Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants and attended its meetings. Constance Lehmann attended meetings of the Houston Chapter of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association and Houston Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors. Hui Du attended meetings of the Houston Chapter of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association and the Houston Chapter of Ascend. Michael Lacina attended meetings of the Houston Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants. Randall Xu attended meetings of the Houston Chapter of Ascend. Susan Sorensen gave a presentation at the New York State Society of CPAs. Barry Marks and Susan Sorensen have taught continuing education courses for the Houston Chapter of the Texas Society of CPAs.

The Accounting Program is a member of the Federation of Schools of Accountancy and the International Association for Accounting Education and Research.