Baccalaureate Programs in Information Technology: Model Curriculum and Accreditation Criteria

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Abstract

Over the past several years there has been considerable activity on the part of a number of groups interested in accreditation of Information Technology (IT) programs. Unlike most other professional baccalaureate programs, there is, as yet, no organization to accredit undergraduate programs in Information Technology, and no accreditation standards. The Society of Information Technology Educators (SITE), which has recently affiliated with ACM to become the ACM Special Interest Group for Information Technology Education (SIGITE), has been working on the development of a model curriculum for IT and has completed development of a draft proposal for IT specific accreditation criteria. This session will present the draft accreditation standards and latest developments, which appear to be leading to accreditation of IT programs possibly as early as 2004-2005. It will also provide an update on the development of a model curriculum for IT.

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