

### **III.1 Role of accreditation**

Accreditation is a voluntary, nongovernmental, and collegial process of self-review and peer review. In higher education, accreditation has two goals: 1) to ensure that post-secondary educational institutions and their units, schools, or programs meet appropriate standards of quality and integrity, and 2) to improve the quality of education these institutions offer.

For a complete description of American Library Association (ALA) accreditation, refer to section I: Overview.