

## *PREFACE*

The Army Institute for Professional Development (AIPD) administers the consolidated Army Correspondence Course Program (ACCP), which provides high- quality, economical training to its users. The AIPD is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of the National Home Study Council (NHSC), the nationally recognized accrediting agency for correspondence institutions.

Accreditation is a process that gives public recognition to educational institutions which meet published standards of quality. The NHSC has developed a thorough and careful evaluation system to assure that institutions meet standards of academic and administrative excellence before it awards accreditation.

The many TRADOC service schools and DOD agencies that produce the ACCP materials administered by the AIPD develop them to the NHSC standards.

The AIPD is also a charter member of the Interservice Correspondence Exchange (ICE). The ICE brings together representatives from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard to meet and share ideas on improving distance education.

