**SUMMARY**

The Legislative Fiscal Analyst recommends funding of $50,000 to provide ongoing funding for UCAT accreditation.

**OBJECTIVE**

Accreditation provides the assurance to students and employers that the education received at a UCAT campus meets the standards required by the accrediting board.

**DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

The accreditation process takes a great effort. There are several months of preparation and then several days dedicated to the visit of the accrediting team. Some of the larger UCAT campuses have recently gone through the process; the smaller campuses are scheduled during the next 18 months. While the larger campuses have been able to accommodate the extra work because of their larger staffs, the smaller campuses will need some assistance in preparing for their accreditation. The Analyst recommends an increase in the Central Administration budget in the amount of $50,000 to provide assistance for the campuses as they go through the accreditation process.