

BENEFITS OF ASPA MEMBERSHIP

- Professional Development – ASPA programs offer opportunities to learn from other accreditors and educators; programs related to the ASPA Code of Good Practice are helpful.
- Representation – ASPA is the only voice that solely represents specialized accreditation with and to broader communities; we want to contribute to a unified, national voice for and support the importance of specialized accreditation; a strong common voice on important issues is essential.
- Net-working & interaction with peers – ASPA lets us participate in the community of specialized accreditors; we want to know what other accreditors are doing; give us the opportunity and means to improve our own performance.
- Staying Informed – ASPA is a source of up-to-date information on pertinent issues; membership gives us an efficient way to stay informed about broad/important developments in accreditation.
- Credibility – The ASPA-member *Code of Good Practice* gives us added credibility with institutional personnel

ASPA MEMBERSHIP – SERVICES PROVIDED

- Professional Development – each ASPA meeting includes a full day or two half days of CE designed specifically to benefit specialized accreditors.
- Conference-interaction with peers; meetings; chances to network
- Code of Ethics/Good Practice; information about good accreditation practices; forum to discuss pros and cons of potential or anticipated changes
- Represents specialized accreditation to the Higher Education and other broad communities (includes attending meetings, written representation, web site); is a voice in federal legislation and

recognition issues

- Creates work groups around specific issues; helps focus issues & responses
- Conducts projects and offers services such as the ASPA e-mail list; compensation / funding survey; the ASPA Accreditation Profile project
- Works to enhance credibility/image of accreditation in general and specialized accreditation in particular