

ASPA VALUES

Effective accreditors use the following values to guide and evaluate a broad range of decisions:

- Trust is critical to the success of specific accreditation reviews, individual accreditation organizations, and the accreditation system as a whole.
- Service is the core of our missions, goals, objectives, and attitudes.
- Autonomy balanced by mutual accountability is preferable to central control enforced by regulation.
- Common searches for wisdom provide the most effective bases for decision-making.
- Results achieved and functions fulfilled indicate effectiveness more than the presence of means or the utilization of methods.
- Statements regarding scope of authority, operations, and decision-making must exhibit integrity, set reasonable limits, guide work, and promote the professionalism that engenders confidence.
- Excellence requires expertise sufficient to each task.