

# **ASPA**

## **Fall Conference**

**September 13 - 15, 2015**

**Washington Marriott  
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**Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors**

# ASPA Fall Conference

Registration open 7:30 am, September 13, 2015

## Pre-conference

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### Sunday, September 13, 2015

8:00 am – 9:15 am **ASAHP/NN2/CAAHEP** (breakfast meeting)  
(Dupont F,G,H)

- Promoting seamless pathways from the associate to the baccalaureate degrees in Nursing and Allied Health
- Topics raised by attendees

9:30 am – 11:00 am  
(Dupont F,G,H)

#### **Degree Qualifications Profile – Inclusion of Doctoral Degrees?**

In 2013, several ASPA members met with Lumina Foundation to discuss the revision and continued implementation of the *Degree Qualifications Profile*. One recommendation was that the *DQP* be expanded to include doctoral degrees. The discussion continues:

- What principles should guide this work?
- What earlier work on defining the doctorate should be consulted; how might the experience of ASPA members in transitioning to the professional doctorate be relevant?

**Amber Garrison Duncan**, Evaluation and Planning Officer, Lumina Foundation

**Paul Gaston**, Trustees Professor, Kent State University & Consultant to Lumina Foundation

**Holly Zanville**, Strategy Director, Lumina Foundation

11:00 am – 12:00 pm  
(Dupont F,G,H)

#### **International Activities - Partnerships**

- Using partnerships to enhance global practice - benefits and risks
- Working with region-specific accreditors
- Providing services for other international agencies - sharing site visitors/experts/training
- Partnership development - future trends

**Crystal Calarusse**, Chief Accreditation Officer, Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation, Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration

**Daniela Iacona**, Senior Manager, International Relations and Board Operations, ABET

**Karen Martens Brandt**, Director, Education and Research Division, American Veterinary Medical Association

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Lunch on your own**

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Member Session (closed)** (West End Ballroom D,E)

## Conference

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### Sunday, September 13, 2015

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Opening Reception** (Dupont F,G)

### Monday, September 14, 2015 (all sessions in West End Ballroom C,D,E)

7:30 am – 8:30 am **Breakfast**

8:30 am – 9:45 am **Higher Education in the Campaign Spotlight**  
**Libby Nelson**, Reporter, Vox

9:45 am – 10:00 am **Break**

10:00 am – 11:00 am **Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act**

Congressional Staff of the Education Committees discuss impending legislation.

**Andrew LaCasse**, Education Policy Advisor, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

**Bryce McKibben**, Policy Advisor, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

**Emily Slack**, Professional Staff Member, House Committee on Education and the Workforce

**Jared C. Bass**, Education Policy Counsel, House Committee on Education and the Workforce

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Alternative Accreditation Processes: Providing Value to Institutions**

An accreditor and an institutional representative discuss different pathways to accreditation.

**Karen J. Solomon**, Vice President for Accreditation Relations, Higher Learning Commission

**Devarajan Venugopalan**, Vice Provost, Academic Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Lunch** (Georgetown I, II)

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## It's All About Good Practice

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We will discuss good practices in:

- stakeholder engagement and gaining necessary and valuable input for the accreditation process from development of standards and practices through identification of outcome indicators,
- complaints – how accreditors deal with an increasing volume of complaints,
- mergers, acquisitions, closures and teach-outs – how accreditors can be better prepared with processes to address the changing landscape of higher education mergers, acquisitions and closures, and
- dealing with the “unexpected” during site visits, decision making meetings, etc.

Attendees will learn about these various issues and gain ideas for enhancing the effectiveness of their accreditation operations.

### Monday, September 14, 2015 (all sessions in West End Ballroom C,D,E)

- 1:00 pm      **Welcome**  
**Barbara Farkas**, Chair, Fall Professional Development Committee, Senior Accreditation and Education Specialist, Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
- 1:10 pm      **Stakeholder Engagement**  
Accreditors will discuss the importance of and methods for stakeholder engagement in the accreditation process, from development of standards and practices through identification of outcome measures. Speakers will:
- characterize the stakeholders involved in their accreditation processes,
  - describe methodologies used for stakeholder engagement,
  - discuss practices for identifying outcome measures and professional competencies, and
  - reflect on their successes and challenges in stakeholder engagement.
- Facilitator - Barbara Farkas**, Chair, Fall Professional Development Committee, Senior Accreditation and Education Specialist, Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs  
**Crystal Calaruse**, Chief Accreditation Officer, Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation, Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration  
**Karen Martens Brandt**, Director, Education and Research Division, American Veterinary Medical Association  
**Jen McCrindle**, Assistant Director of Policy Analysis and Communication OPCA, Accreditation Education Directorate, American Psychological Association
- 2:30 pm      **Break**
- 3:00 pm      **Accreditation Horror Stories**  
Accreditors share some of the challenges faced and unexpected experiences on site visits, during board meetings, etc.:
- group discussion of case scenarios and identification of issues, appropriate responses and possible strategies, and
  - legal opinion on group responses and strategies for dealing with and minimizing the “unexpected”.
- Facilitator - Cheryl Contant**, Professional Development Consultant, Advancing Your Strengths  
**Julianne E. Dymowski**, Partner, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston
- 5:00 pm      **Reception** (Dupont F,G)

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**Tuesday, September 15, 2015** (all sessions in West End Ballroom C,D,E)

7:30 am **Breakfast**

8:30 am **Complaints**

The volume of complaints received by accreditors is on the rise. Students increasingly view accreditors as consumer protection entities. Speakers will address questions to help accreditors:

- discern differences between complaints and grievances,
- identify good processes and policies for agencies to follow in responding to complaints,
- develop investigation and resolution protocols to address complaints more appropriately, and
- address complaints filed with multiple agencies (e.g., EEOC, ADA, etc.).

**Facilitator - Elise Scanlon**, Principal, Elise Scanlon Law Group

**Jo Ann R. Coe Regan**, Vice President of Education, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

**Micki Cuppett**, Executive Director, Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE)

**Leah Matthews**, Executive Director, Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC)

10:00 am **Break**

10:30 am **Program and Institution Mergers, Acquisitions and Closures**

As higher education institutions change in both organizational and ownership structure, issues associated with mergers, acquisitions and closures have become more common for accreditors. Speakers will discuss:

- the types of acquisitions that are occurring and the impact on institutions, programs and accreditation,
- good practices for accreditation response to institutional or programmatic mergers, acquisitions, closures, or consortia, and
- policies and procedures for closures including transfers and teach-out plans.

**Facilitator - Elise Scanlon**, Principal, Elise Scanlon Law Group

**Stephanie J. Gold**, Partner, Hogan Lovells

**Neil Harvison**, Chief Officer, Academic and Scientific Affairs, American Occupational Therapy Association

**Sharyl McGrew**, Director of Substantive Change and Committee Relations, WASC Senior College and University Commission

**Thomas Smalling**, Executive Director, Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care

11:50 am **Wrap-up**

**Barbara Farkas**, Chair, Fall Professional Development Committee, Senior Accreditation and Education Specialist, Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs

## Post Conference

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**Tuesday, September 15, 2015**

1:15 pm - **Interprofessional Education** (Dupont F,G)

3:30 pm Although this session will primarily focus on health professions, ALL ASPA members with an interest in Interprofessional Education are welcome to attend. This will be an excellent opportunity to:

- hear about the activities and lessons learned of both the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education and the Interprofessional Education Collaborative, and
- discuss how to advance the agenda related to interprofessional accreditation.

**Facilitator – Laura Rasar King**, ASPA Chair, Executive Director, Council on Education for Public Health

**Barbara F. Brandt**, Director, National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education

**Lucinda Maine**, Vice President, Interprofessional Education Collaborative

**Richard W. Valachovic**, President, Interprofessional Education Collaborative