

ASPA

Fall Conference

September 13 - 15, 2015

**Washington Marriott
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Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors

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Registration open 7:30 am, September 13, 2015

Pre-conference

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 **Degree Qualifications Profile – Inclusion of Doctoral Degrees?**
(Dupont F,G,H)
- 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 **International Activities - Partnerships**
(Dupont F,G,H)
- 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)

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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

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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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

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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