

Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors

Who We Are



Quick Facts

- ASPA is the only unified voice for programmatic accreditation in higher education in the US; we were established in 1993.
- Our 61 specialized and professional accreditor members set educational standards for over 100 disciplines and professions and accredit more than 25,000 programs.
- Many of our members are reviewed against established standards set by an external agency: 30 members are recognized by the US Secretary of Education and 33 are recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.
- Spring and fall conferences provide information on emerging/current issues in higher education and professional development for member accreditors on innovation in higher education delivery and assessment, quality improvement processes and risk management.

Strategic Activities

- ASPA advocates for the value of programmatic accreditation to a broad range of stakeholders: federal and state lawmakers, the US Department of Education, and students and student counsellors, among others.
- We respond to calls for commentary on laws and regulations that affect accreditation and higher education.

Member Services

- Regular updates are provided to members about happenings in the world of higher education, accreditation, and recognition.
- ASPA develops and circulates guidelines for good accreditation practice.
- Members have access to a private e-list and an online portal with a searchable member database and accreditation resources.
- A compensation/benefits study of member practices is conducted annually.

Visit us at aspa-usa.org for more information.

ASPA members set educational quality standards for these professions and disciplines:

Acupuncture - Allied Health - Architecture - Art and Design - Athletic Training - Audiology/ Speech-Language Pathology - Business - Chiropractic - Clinical Laboratory Sciences - Construction - Counseling - Credibility Assessment - Dance - Dentistry - Early Childhood Teacher Education - Engineering/ Applied Science/ Computing/ Engineering Technology - English Language Programs - Forensic Science - Funeral Service and Mortuary Science - Genetic Counseling - Health Education Schools - Health Informatics and Information Management - Healthcare Management - Homeopathy - Industrial Technology - Landscape Architecture - Library and Information Studies - Marriage and Family Therapy - Medical Education - Midwifery - Montessori Teacher Education - Music - Naturopathic Medicine - Nuclear Medicine Technology - Nurse Anesthesia - Nurse Practitioner - Nursing - Nutrition and Dietetics - Occupational Therapy - Optometry - Osteopathic Medicine - Pharmacy - Physical Therapy - Physician Assistant - Podiatric Medicine - Project Management - Psychology - Public Affairs and Administration - Public Health - Rabbinical and Talmudic Education - Respiratory Care - Sign Language Interpreter Education - Social Work - Theatre - Veterinary Medicine - Urban Planning



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