

ASPA e-Conference – Spring 2021

Monday March 29, 2021

11:00 am - 12:00 pm (all times Eastern)

Scan of the Landscape in Higher Education and Accreditation

Doug Lederman, Editor and Co-founder, Inside Higher Ed

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Program Reports – Monitoring and Ensuring Compliance

This session will compare annual and interim reports and procedures used by accrediting agencies; assess the use of reported data to improve a program's ability to meet standards; identify methods to organize report information; and compare how accrediting agencies respond when new concerns are revealed in a program's report.

Julie Horvath, Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities, Accreditation Manager, American Veterinary Medical Association

Barbara Farkas, Senior Accreditation Specialist, Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs

Mary Harrill, Senior Director, Higher Education Accreditation and Program Support, National Association for the Education of Young Children

Susanne Stratton, Management Specialist for Accreditation Processes & Services, Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation, American Psychological Association

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Finding the Silver Lining During Remote Operations

Accreditors have now been operating remotely for a year. While there have been many challenges with this environment, there have also been opportunities for improvement of the accreditation process.

Kevin Connell, Assistant Director of Accreditation, Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

Mollie Mulvanity, Deputy Director, Council on Education for Public Health

Joseph L. Sussman, Chief Accreditation Officer, Chief Information Officer, ABET

Jan Winn, ASPA Chair, Executive Director, Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology

2:45 pm - 3:15 pm

Accreditor Treatment of Student Achievement Indicators – Research Study

Mark Evelyn, Chair, Department of Applied Health Sciences, Program Director, Mortuary Science, Wayne State University

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Public Members – Unique Perspectives and Expertise on Accreditor Boards

- What motivates public members to participate on accreditation boards/councils?
- Types of contributions that public members bring to boards/councils
- Strategies to successfully engage public member expertise

Heidi Vellenga, Executive Director, Commission on English Language Program Accreditation

Tiffany Hill, Attorney, TH Legal Consulting, LLC, public board member - Council on Education for Public Health

Greg E. Manship, Manager, Human Subject Protection Program, OSF HealthCare, public board member - American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation

Darla Smith, Associate Principal, Rouse High School, former public board member - Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology

John R. Przepyszny, Partner, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP

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Accreditor Support during the Application Process

This session will describe staff and board roles in responding to applicant inquiries; discuss various levels of staff support for programs throughout the application process; and compare levels of support for reviews leading to applicant/candidacy status and full accreditation.

Priya Lorenzen, Associate Director, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

Nell Ard, Director, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing

Anne Curley, Accreditation Program Manager, Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

Tess Kirsch, Associate Director of Accreditation for Policy and Education, Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

Kristen Varol, Director, Accreditation Services, Council on Education for Public Health

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Getting Your Accreditation Practice in Order

Accreditors have implemented new practices in response to the pandemic. It is time to assess the effectiveness of those new practices (and the old ones as well) and determine which to keep and which to toss.

Leah Matthews, Executive Director, Distance Education Accrediting Commission

