

# 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 approximately 60 specialized and professional accreditor members set educational standards for over 100 disciplines and professions and accredit more than 25,000 programs.
- Many ASPA members are reviewed against standards set by an external agency: 31 members are recognized by the US Secretary of Education and 32 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.

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

Acupuncture  
Allied Health  
Applied Science  
Architecture  
Art and Design  
Athletic Training  
Audiology  
Business  
Chiropractic  
Clinical Laboratory Sciences  
Clinical Pastoral Education  
Computing  
Construction  
Counseling  
Credibility Assessment  
Dance  
Dentistry  
Early Childhood Teacher Education  
Engineering  
Engineering Technology  
English Language Programs  
Forensic Science  
Funeral Service & Mortuary Science  
Health Education Schools  
Health Informatics & Information Management  
Healthcare Management  
Homeopathy  
Industrial Technology  
Landscape Architecture  
Library and Information Studies  
Marriage & 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 & Administration  
Public Health  
Rabbinical & Talmudic Education  
Respiratory Care  
Sign Language Interpreter Education  
Speech-Language Pathology  
Social Work  
Theatre  
Veterinary Medicine  
Urban Planning

