

ASPA e-Conference – Spring 2024

Monday - April 8, 2024

(all times Eastern; breakout rooms available after each session for continued discussion)

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Quality Assurance of Non-Degree Credentials

- Trends in workforce needs and career development
- Identifying quality in non-degree credentials
- Considerations for oversight of non-degree credentials

Mary Kiersma, Associate Director of Professional Degree Program Accreditation, Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education

Melanie Booth, Executive Director, HLC Credential Lab, Higher Learning Commission

Rebecca Lippert, Manager, Global Accreditation Center for Project Management Education Programs

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm - Quality Review of Direct Assessment

- Competency-based education and direct assessment defined
- Considerations for reviewing programs that incorporate direct assessment
- Identifying indicators of quality

Priya Lorenzen, Associate Director, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

Nell Ard, Chief Accreditation Officer, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc.

Laurie Dodge, VP of Quality Assurance and Accreditation, Competency-Based Education Network

Melissa Tilton, Accreditation Manager of Quality, Accreditation Department, AOTA

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Probation – A Legal Perspective

- Contrasting typical adverse and non-adverse actions
- Notifying prospective and current students
- Common issues

Mary Kiersma, Associate Director of Professional Degree Program Accreditation, Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education

John Przepyszny, Partner, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath

Tuesday - April 9, 2024

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11:00 am - 12:00 pm - How Students Contribute to the Accreditation Process

- Students serving in quality assessment roles

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

Rana Andary, Student, UC Irvine School of Medicine

Robert Hash, Assistant Secretary, Liaison Committee on Medical Education

Ann Boudinot, Director of Accreditation, National Architectural Accrediting Board

Tomás E. Stankiewicz, Recent Graduate, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo's B. Arch

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm - Understanding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Efforts Post-Implementation

- Measuring DEI efforts and the current political environment

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

Megan Fujita, Executive Director, Department of Social Work Accreditation, Council on Social Work Education

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm - Decision Letters – A Legal Perspective

- Key components of decision letters.
- Timeline guidelines and requirements for transmittal and program response.

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

Cindy Irani, Partner, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath