

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: 32 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
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
Genetic Counseling
Health Education Schools
Health Informatics & Information Management
Healthcare Management
Homeopathy
Industrial Technology
Landscape Architecture
Law
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

