

## **Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions (C-RAC)**

Seven regional accreditors established a Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions (C-RAC) in 1996. At present, C-RAC is composed of seven regional executive officers and the chairs of the accrediting commissions. C-RAC has pursued programs such as a template for common regional eligibility criteria, a cross-regional institutional review policy for site-based institutions, a statement of commitment, "best practices" for reviewing distance education and work to increase regional accreditation and institutional capacity to examine student learning outcomes. For further information:

### **C-RAC**

Website: **c-rac.org** (<http://www.wscuc.org/>)

## **The Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA)**

ASPA's primary mission includes participation in the higher education and accreditation communities, professional development, advocacy, improvement in specialized and professional accreditation, mechanisms for common action and collaboration among programs, institutions and accreditation organizations. The ASPA Member Code of Good Practice adopted in 1995 includes expectations that ASPA members will work cooperatively with other accreditors to avoid conflicting standards and minimize duplication of effort in the preparation of materials and the conduct of on-site visits. For more information:

### **ASPA**

Joseph Vibert, Executive Director

Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors

Phone: (773) 857-7900

Email: [jvibert@aspa-usa.org](mailto:jvibert@aspa-usa.org)

Website: **www.aspa-usa.org** (<http://www.aspa-usa.org/>)

## **U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education**

The Office of Postsecondary Education formulates policy and administers federal programs in higher education. The office includes the Accreditation Group that has responsibility for administering the federal recognition process for eligible accrediting organizations through the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity. For further information:

### **Accreditation Group**

Elizabeth Daggett, M.Ed.

Director, Accreditation Group

Office of Postsecondary Education

US Department of Education

400 Maryland Ave

Washington, DC 20202

Phone: (202) 453-7615

Email: **Elizabeth.Daggett@ed.gov**

Website: **www.ed.gov** (<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/index.html>)