



2024 Fall Workshop for Regulators

September 18-19 | Baltimore, Maryland
Program

Wednesday, September 18

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am - 9:10 am	Welcome & Introductions
9:10 am - 9:30 am	NASASPS Business Update/Strategic Development Plan
9:30 am - 10:00 am	SARA Overview
10:00 am - 10:15 am	Break
10:15 am - 12:00 pm	State Updates
12:00 pm - 1:15pm	Lunch on own
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	<p>Policy Development and Implementation Updates from the US Department of Education <i>Ben Miller, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education</i></p> <p>Join us for an insightful discussion led by Under Secretary Ben Miller where he will provide the latest updates on higher education policy from the Department of Education. Mr. Miller will be sharing valuable insights into current policy initiatives and their implications for institutions and students.</p>
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Break
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Listserv Live, Pt 1
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Break
3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	<p>From Unethical to Unlawful - How the FTC is Combating Deceptive Practices in Education <i>Sandhya “Sandy” Brown, Assistant Director, Division of Financial Practices at the Federal Trade Commission</i></p> <p>The Federal Trade Commission is the nation's consumer protection agency, policing deceptive and unfair practices including in the education sector. Hear about actions the FTC has taken to tackle deceptive advertising by schools, unscrupulous online lead generation tactics, unlawful lending practices, and student loan debt relief scams.</p>
5:30 pm -	<p>Informal Networking Dinner</p> <p>Looking to network with fellow attendees but not sure where to meet? Meet in the lobby at 5:30 pm to head to a nearby restaurant together.</p>



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8:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am - 10:15 am	<p>Tag, You're It!: Oversight of Non-degree, Unaccredited, and Small or Specialized Schools</p> <p><i>Debbie Cochrane, Bureau Chief at Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education</i></p> <p><i>Kevin LaMountain, Executive Director at Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education</i></p> <p><i>Lorna Candler, Chief Occupational Education Officer/Director, DPOS at Colorado Division of Private Occupational Schools</i></p> <p><i>Sean Seepersad, Division Director, Academic Affairs at Connecticut Office of Higher Education</i></p> <p>You might be the only regulator overseeing the quality of programs and administration. Your agency might be the only entity looking out for students, especially if the school does not utilize Title IV funding. This panel discussion will cover best practices in handling oversight of non-degree schools, unaccredited institutions, and small or specialized schools. Some schools will never have accreditation as your agency doesn't require it. Some school have programs that don't fit an accreditor's area of coverage. A school might be so small or specialized that it's a "mom and pop" shop where only a couple of people handle the administration and teaching. A panel discussion will provide best practices in handling these schools.</p>
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Listserv Live, Pt 2
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch – table topic discussions

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1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	<p>Leveraging AI for Enhanced Financial Document Review in Education <i>Kevin LaMountain, Executive Director at Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education</i></p> <p>In the rapidly evolving landscape of educational administration, the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) offers transformative potential. This session delves into the innovative use of AI technologies to streamline and enhance the review of school financial documents.</p>
2:15 pm - 2:45 pm	Networking Break
2:45 pm - 3:45 pm	<p>Recent SCOTUS Decisions: Possible Impacts on State Regulators <i>Tom Harnisch, Vice President for Government Relations at State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO)</i></p> <p>This session will explore the implications of the Supreme Court's sweeping decision in <i>Loper Bright Enterprises et al. vs Raimondo</i> for higher education and state regulators. This decision ended the 40-year Chevron deference, which gave federal agencies latitude in interpreting ambiguous federal statutes. This session will explore the background and history of the case, how this could reshape policymaking in the years ahead, and what this could specifically mean for state regulators and higher education officials.</p>
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Break
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Workshop Synthesis & Closing Remarks