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NASPAA Accredits Six New Programs

Programs in Mexico and the United States join the roster of NASPAA accredited programs that are molding the path forward for global public service education

Washington, DC, August 9, 2022 -- Today the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration ([NASPAA](#)) announced that its Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation ([COPRA](#)) has accredited the following six programs for the first time:

- Master of Public Policy at Duke University (USA)
- Master of Public Administration at Northern Arizona University (USA)
- Master of Public Administration at Pace University (USA)
- Master of Public Policy at Universidad Iberoamericana (Mexico)
- Master of Public Administration at University of Guam (USA)
- Master of Public Policy at University of Houston, Hobby School (USA)

NASPAA is the global standard for public service education. Accredited programs share NASPAA's commitment to transparent, effective, inclusive, and ethical public service. The [NASPAA Standards](#) ensure programs promote public service values, bound in the pursuit of programmatic improvement and educational quality. Each of these programs underwent a years-long process of self-study, site visit, and peer review, during which they demonstrated their commitment to the knowledge, research, and practice of public service.

Despite the circumstances, these programs have exemplified a steadfast commitment to contributing to the development of the path forward for global quality assurance in public service education, while providing their students with the tools necessary to become effective public servants of tomorrow. The programs have also demonstrated an adherence to finding present-day ways of how to advance the field of public service education. Domonic Bearfield, COPRA Chair, stated, "During the pandemic, our accredited programs worked hard to create a path while dealing with the uncertainty caused by the global pandemic. In the face of tremendous challenges, programs worldwide displayed a genuinely inspiring dedication to public service education and commitment to innovation." Angel Wright-Lanier, Executive Director of NASPAA, also remarked, "As the world continues to wrestle with the challenges of COVID-19, it is exciting to see the programs in our network illustrating their dedication to excellence. This dedication will allow our students to chart a strategic path forward as they graduate and begin to lead municipalities, agencies, and businesses all over the world."

With the addition of these six programs to the roster, the number of accredited programs based outside of the U.S. increases to nineteen, the largest global reach NASPAA has had to date. The aspiration for the future is that collaborations across various countries, regions, and cultures continue to grow alongside the roster of accredited programs.

NASPAA and COPRA both welcome these new programs, celebrating the achievement of their accreditation and look forward to continuing to support them in their commitment to their students, to quality assurance, and to the field of public service overall.

The 2022-2023 Roster of Accredited Programs can be viewed [here](#) after it is released on September 1, 2022.

NASPAA, the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration, is the global standard in public service education. It is the membership association of over 300 schools of public policy, public affairs, public administration, and public & nonprofit management. NASPAA's Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (COPRA) is the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)- recognized accreditation body for graduate degree programs in public policy, administration, and affairs, globally. COPRA has accredited over 200 master's degree programs from NASPAA member schools in these fields. NASPAA's twofold mission is to promote excellence in education and training for public service and to promote the ideal of public service.