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NASPAA Accredits 5 New Programs

Programs from Brazil, China, Kazakhstan, and the United States join the roster of NASPAA-accredited programs molding the path forward for global public service education

Washington, DC, July 14, 2023 -- 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 five programs for the first time:

- Master of Public Administration at Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV), Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)
- Master of Public Administration at Nazarbayev University (Kazakhstan)
- Master of Public Policy at Nazarbayev University (Kazakhstan)
- Master of Public Administration at Sun Yat-sen University (China)
- Master of Public Policy at University of Northern Iowa (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.

Accredited programs continued to demonstrate their commitment to excellence in public service education, despite facing the new challenges brought by the aftermath of the pandemic. By adhering to the NASPAA Accreditation Standards, these programs have not only assured their students receive exceptional education in public service, but have also expanded these educational opportunities for communities across the globe. Roger Hartley, COPRA Chair, stated, "The Commission applauds the incredible work of our accredited programs. They are leaders in building educational pathways to public service at a time when public sector agencies have tremendous needs for talent. This year's cohort faced significant challenges both old and new. We applaud their resilience."

Angel Wright-Lanier, Executive Director of NASPAA, also noted, "We are excited these programs have met the

NASPAA standards for accreditation. They promote the ideal of public service and ensure inclusive and equitable education for their students preparing them to be successful in their public service careers. We look forward to working with these programs to support our mission ‘of ensuring excellence in education and training for public service and to promote the ideal of public service’ globally.”

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 2023-2024 Roster of Accredited Programs can be viewed [here](#) after it is released on September 1, 2023.

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.