

## COPRA Accreditation Actions 2025

### COPRA ACTION STATEMENT July 11, 2025

The Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (COPRA) of the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) met on June 11-13, 2025, and issued accreditation actions for the 2024-2025 Cohort. Final accreditation actions are published on an annual basis. Programs receiving initial accreditation (through 2032) or five-, six- or seven-year reaccreditation decisions (through 2030, 2031 or 2032, respectively) demonstrated conformity with the [NASPAA Standards](#) after a thorough review by the Commission. The Commission bases its conclusion on the overall quality of the program, performance of its mission, consideration of substantial conformance with the Standards, and assessment of overall program quality given the unique mission of that program. Programs receiving initial accreditations and reaccreditations, including positive one-year reaccreditations, are included on the Roster of Accredited Programs, updated each year.

In June 2025, the Commission took the following actions:

INITIAL SEVEN YEAR ACCREDITATIONS			
University	Program	Accreditation Expiration	Monitoring Standards
City University of Hong Kong	Master of Arts in Public Policy and Management	August 31, 2032	Standard 4.3: Support for Students
Hamad Bin Khalifa University	Master of Public Policy	August 31, 2032	None
SUNY Buffalo State	Master of Public and Nonprofit Administration	August 31, 2032	Standard 4.1: Student Recruitment; Standard 6.1: Resource Adequacy
Universidad de los Andes	Master of Public Management	August 31, 2032	None
The University of Iowa	Master of Public Affairs	August 31, 2032	None

**SEVEN\* YEAR REACCREDITATIONS**

(\*5 or 6 years if voluntary delays, deferred site visits, and/or one-year reaccreditations were in effect)

<b>University</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Accreditation Expiration</b>	<b>Monitoring Standards</b>
Brigham Young University	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2032	None
California State University, Fullerton	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2031*	Standard 3.2: Faculty Diversity
California State University, Stanislaus	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2031*	None
DePaul University	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2032	Standard 1.1: Mission Statement; Standard 2.1: Administrative Capacity; Standard 6.1: Resource Adequacy
DePaul University	Master of Public Policy	August 31, 2031*	Standard 1.1: Mission Statement; Standard 2.1: Administrative Capacity; Standard 6.1: Resource Adequacy
Eastern Kentucky University	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2032	Standard 2.2: Faculty Governance; Standard 4.3: Support for Students
Florida International University	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2032	None
Governors State University	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2032	None
Kennesaw State University	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2032	Standard 2.1: Administrative Capacity; Standard 6.1: Resource Adequacy
Louisiana State University	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2031*	Standard 1.3: Program Evaluation; Standard 5.1: Universal Required Competencies
Mississippi State University	Master of Public Policy and Administration	August 31, 2032	None
New York University	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2031*	Standard 3.1: Faculty Qualifications

<b>University</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Accreditation Expiration</b>	<b>Monitoring Standards</b>
Northeastern University	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2031*	None
Rutgers University, New Brunswick	Master of Public Policy	August 31, 2032	None
Rutgers University, Newark	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2032	None
Seattle University	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2032	None
The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2032	Standard 1.3: Program Evaluation
Universidad de los Andes	Master of Public Policy	August 31, 2032	None
University of Baltimore	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2032	Standard 7.1: Communications
University of Central Florida	Master of Nonprofit Management	August 31, 2032	None
University of Delaware	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2032	Standard 4.3: Support for Students
University of Massachusetts at Boston	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2032	None
University of Missouri-Columbia	Master of Public Affairs	August 31, 2032	Standard 7.1: Communications
University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2032	None
Villanova University	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2030*	None

<b>ONE-YEAR REACCREDITATIONS</b> (with non-conformities COPRA deems remediable within one year)			
University	Program	Accreditation Expiration	Cited Standards
Appalachian State University	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2026	Standard 1.1: Mission Statement; Standard 1.3: Program Evaluation; Standard 4.2: Student Admission; Standard 5.1: Universal Required Competencies
Seton Hall University	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2026	Standard 1.2: Performance Expectations; Standard 1.3: Program Evaluation; Standard 5.1: Universal Required Competencies; Standard 5.3: Mission-specific Required Competencies; Standard 7.1: Communications
Texas Southern University	Master of Public Administration	August 31, 2026	Standard 1.1: Mission Statement; Standard 1.3: Program Evaluation; Standard 3.1: Faculty Qualifications; Standard 3.2: Faculty Diversity; Standard 5.1: Universal Required Competencies; Standard 6.1: Resource Adequacy

WITHDRAWALS		
University	Program	Accreditation Expiration
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale	Master of Public Administration	Effective February 19, 2025
Western Michigan University	Master of Public Administration	Effective August 31, 2025

A program receiving **accreditation** or **reaccreditation** has demonstrated substantial conformance with the [NASPAA Standards](#), based on the Commission's conclusion on the overall quality of the program, its performance of its mission, consideration of substantial conformance with the Standards, and its assessment of overall program quality given the unique mission of that program. In some cases, programs earning accreditation may be subject to monitoring on specific Standards (**Monitoring Standards**). A program may be monitored on a specific Standard(s) when the Commission deems that the program is in overall conformance, yet needs improvement in a specific conformance area, or the Commission wishes to follow the implementation of a new practice. Programs are required to report back to the Commission via annual reports with updates on the specific Standards being monitored.

A currently accredited program receiving a **one-year reaccreditation** has been determined to have specific non-conformities with the Standards that can be resolved within one calendar year. Those programs granted a one-year reaccreditation will be required to submit a response to the decision letter addressing the nonconformities when the program re-enters the immediate next cycle.

A program receiving a **deferral** decision has been determined to have specific non-conformities with the Standards that can be resolved within one or two calendar years, but which preclude immediate inclusion on the Annual Roster of Accredited Programs.

A program receiving a **denial** of accreditation has not demonstrated conformance with the NASPAA Standards. Programs receiving denials of accreditation may appeal the decision based on the grounds that:

- COPRA's decision was arbitrary, capricious, or not supported by substantial evidence in the record on which the Commission took action, or
- The procedures used to reach the decision were contrary to published COPRA Policies and Procedures, or other established practices, and the procedural error prejudiced the Commission's consideration of the program application.

If an accredited program chooses not to enter its regularly scheduled review cycle, the Commission will **withdraw** its accreditation status, effective either at the expiration of its regular term or at the due date for its next annual review, whichever is sooner.

COPRA has a rigorous, [multilevel process](#) for making accreditation and reaccreditation decisions. The process includes a Self-Study Report, interim communication with COPRA, and a Site Visit by a team of peers. COPRA's multi-step process provides the checks and balances necessary to ensure fair and accurate decisions. COPRA has used every piece of the review process to ensure the quality of programs, consistency in the review process, and fairness in decision-making.