PRE-CONFERENCE
COA EVENT
PROGRAM

July 20, 2023
Radisson Blu Mall of America
Thursday, July 20, 2023

7:30 AM - 8:15 AM
BREAKFAST
MINNETONKA BALLROOM SALON A

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM
WELCOME
MINNETONKA BALLROOM SALONS B & C

Donald Balasa, JD, MBA, CAAHEP President

9:00 AM - 10:00AM
UNTANGLING CONSORTIUM AGREEMENTS & FEDERAL GUIDANCE

Elise Scanlon, JD, Elise Scanlon Law Group
A review of types of consortium agreements, the new models of consortium plus shared services, consortium vs. outsourcing, and Federal Regulations that apply to Written Arrangements (contracts) between accredited IHE’s and non-accredited education providers.

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM
BREAK

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
ANALYZING COMMONALITIES AND DIFFERENCES ACROSS CAAHEP PROFESSIONS

Jennifer Anderson Warwick, MA, Executive Director, Accreditation Review Committee for the Anesthesiologist Assistant
CAAHEP comprises 25 Committees on Accreditation (CoAs) that provide accreditation services to 31 professions. We will examine the commonalities and differences across the CoAs and the professions through the lens of the accreditation standards.
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  BRINGING DISTANCE EDUCATION INTO FOCUS

**Christy Baily-Byers, MBA, APR, Director of Education, Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting**

This session will focus on important concepts for CoAs to review when evaluating a program’s use of distance education methods in their curriculum. Discussion will include (or explore?) how programs are utilizing distance education; the importance of timely, regular and substantive engagement; and how CoAs may establish distance education processes within the framework of CAAHEP Policy 209.

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1:00 PM - 1:45 PM  INCORPORATING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION INTO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

**Denise Rismeyer, MSN, RN, NPD-BC, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science**

This session will provide an overview of definitions and components of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) related to healthcare and academia. Strategies for building DEI into infrastructure in academic programs will be included.

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1:45 PM - 2:00 PM  BREAK

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2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  ENCOURAGING PROGRAMS TO BE INNOVATIVE

**Janice Grewatz, BS, CSFA, CSPDT, CST, FAST, Surgical Technology Program Director, Parkland College, and Ron Kruzel, MA, CAE, CST, FAST, Executive Director, Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting**

Post-pandemic challenges (decreased community college enrollments, the great resignation, and shifts in student demographics) have led to significant workforce shortages affecting many allied health professions. How can accreditors support their program communities in providing innovative solutions to staff shortages while maintaining the accredited education process?
Committees on Accreditation are responsible for implementing the accreditation process with programs in their professions following core elements of the CAAHEP accreditation process. We will discuss the similarities and differences in CoA review processes and examine what CAAHEP can do to improve consistency.