Critical Issues for Accreditation in a Changing Higher Education Landscape

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Prominent Trends in the Future of Higher Education and Professional Credentialing

- Theoretical
- Practical
- Instructor-led
- Self-paced, on-demand
- Traditional classroom
- Online
- Static
- Adaptive, Personalized
- Monolithic
- Unbundled, short-form

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Critical Issues

- Program- and micro-level quality assurance/accreditation
- Granularity at the level of competencies (CBE/CBH)
- Standards movement and professional certification integration
- Transparency, metrics, and accountability
- Data-fueled growth of 3rd party arbiters of quality
- Employers emerging as credentialers and QAEs
- Blurring boundaries between “higher education” and professional
Thank You

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