

Comparison Chart

Vision – Organization – Education - Involvement

		Principles of Universal Design	Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS)	Living In Place Institute
Vision	Purpose	Create Principles Only	Meet needs of older persons. (agesim?)	Improve safety - comfort - accessibility through designs and products in ALL homes.
	Vision Statement	X	X	All Homes Safe - Comfortable - Accessible.
	Mission Statement	X	X	Living In Place is the only positive solution to all homes safe - comfortable - accessible for everyone, through certification, education and collaborative networking events.
	Market Focus	Not business focused	Aging-in-Place (only 17% of U.S. population)	All Homes (100% of the world's population).
	Age and/or Ability Discriminatory	Yes	Yes	NO
Organization	Electronic Home Assessment Tool	X	X	✓
	Dedicated Website and URL	X	X	✓
	Consumer and Industry Presentations Available for Graduates	X	X	✓
	Business and Medical Advisory Panels	X	X	✓
	International Team of Ambassadors	X	X	✓
	Organization Leadership easily accessible for assistance via email or phone	X	X	✓
	Copyright and Trademark Protection of Marketing Terms	X	X	✓
	Organization Focused Solely on Education and Awareness of Home Accessibility and Safety	UD is not an association, organization or legal entity	No - CAPS is a minor program within the National Association of Home Builders	✓

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Education	Classroom Training Required	Set of principles only	24 hours over 3 days, not always consecutive. Additional fee for certification,, lapel pin, Code of Ethics and Standards not available.	16 hours, usually over three consecutive days, virtual live-interactive, No additional fees for Certificate, Code of Ethics and Standards, Lapel pin.
	Experiential Meal	X	X	✓
	Course Revision Frequency and Participants	Created in 1997 - no updates. University project was not continued	Sporadic - First manual revision was 9 years. Revisions by select group.	Monthly. Feedback from all graduates are part of updates.
	Instructor Vetting Process	No training available	Application and generic trainer course.	Full vetting process, including multiple course training experiences, teaching qualifications, well known professionals
	Specific Education Programs for Professionals who Provide Design, Management, and Project Specifications (Certified Living In Place Professional™ - CLIPP™)	X	X	✓
	Specific Education Programs for Professionals who Provide Products, Supply and Support Services (Living In Place Associate™ - LIPA™)	X	X	✓
	Specific Education Programs for Trade Professionals who Install Designs and Products (Home & Accessibility Trade Specialist™ - HATS™)	X	X	✓
	CEU Credits Approved for Training Program	X	1.8 CEU AOTA 1.2 AIA	Pre-approved 16.0 hours for members of: NKBA, NARI, AOTA, ASHI, ASID, IIDA, IDC, SCSA. May qualify for NAHB/CAPS, AIA, others
	Community Forums, Marketing Forums, International, National and Regional CEU events	X	X	✓
Involvement	Manufacturer and Industry Association Involvement	X	X	✓
	Formal Education Partnership Programs for Manufacturers, Distributors, Retailers, Media, Associations, Educational Institutions, Tradespersons, etc.	X	X	✓
	National Kitchen & Bath Association Endorsement	X	X	✓