

Association of Schools of Allied Health Professionals

Defining Allied Health Professionals

“Allied Health professionals are involved with the delivery of health or related services pertaining to the identification, evaluation and prevention of diseases and disorders; dietary and nutrition services; rehabilitation and health systems management, among others. Allied health professionals, to name a few, include dental hygienists, diagnostic medical sonographers, dietitians, medical technologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, radiographers, respiratory therapists, and speech language pathologists.”¹

About ASAHP

“The Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP) was chartered in Washington, D.C. in September 1967 as a not-for-profit national professional association for administrators, educators, and others who were concerned with critical issues affecting allied health education. The organization was established by the deans of thirteen university-based schools of allied health professions in response to an urgent need for an interdisciplinary and interagency association to relate to improving the quality and quantity of needed workforce in the health occupations and professions.”¹

“The term allied health was popularized during the deliberations that led to the passage of the **Allied Health Professions Personnel Training Act in 1967**. The passage of this legislation brought about a new and radical concept of unifying all the various disciplines that comprise allied health into academic units with a single administration.”¹

“As of September 2002, ASAHP's membership consists of 105 academic institutions, two professional associations, and approximately 300 individual members.”¹

Mission of ASAHP

ASAHP's Mission is to Champion Allied Health Education. To fulfill its mission, the Association has established the following goals:

- To Influence Governmental Health And Education Policy
- To Promote High Quality Education
- To Promote Collaboration And Partnerships
- To Strengthen Research And Scholarship
- To Develop Academic Leaders

Journal: *Journal of Allied Health*

The Journal of Allied Health is the official publication of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP). *The Journal* is the only interdisciplinary allied health periodical, publishing scholarly works related to research and development, feature articles, research abstracts and book reviews.

No information about theme issues available.

ASAHP also publishes the newsletter *Trends*

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ASAHP Committees, Subcommittees, and Task Forces

Standing Committees:

- Nominations and Elections
- Constitution and Bylaws
- Finance
- Membership

Additional Committees:

- Accreditation
- Education
- Research
- 2005 Annual Conference Committee
- Journal of Allied Health Editorial Board

Task Forces:

- Substance Abuse Task Force
- Health and Education Policy and Government Relations Task Force

Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

- Spring Meeting: March 17 - 19, 2005 - Washington, D.C.
- Annual Conference: October 19-22, 2005- Houston, TX
- Annual Conference: October 18-21, 2006- Chicago, IL

Topics of upcoming conferences not yet announced

Position Statements Relevant to the Work of the Collaborative

None identified on website review.

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¹ Association of Schools of Allied Health Professionals Website. www.asahp.org. Accessed 12/3/2004.