

Member Organizations

Allied Health Professional Associations

- American Association of Clinical Chemists
- American Society of Clinical Pathologists
- American Society of Phlebotomy Technicians
- Clinical Laboratory Management Association
- NC Academy of Physician Assistants
- NC Association of Blood Bankers
- NC Dental Assistants Association
- NC Dietetic Association
- NC Health Information Management Association
- NC Nuclear Medicine Society
- NC Occupational Therapy Assn.
- NC Physical Therapy Association
- NC Recreation Therapy Assn.
- NC Rehabilitation Counselors Assn.
- NC Society for Clinical Laboratory Science
- NC Society for Respiratory Care
- NC Society for Cytology
- NC Society of Histopathology Technologists
- NC Society of Medical Assistants
- NC Society of Radiologic Technologists
- NC Speech, Hearing & Language Association
- NC State Society of American Medical Technologists
- NC State Society of Social Work Administrators in Healthcare
- NC Ultrasound Society
- Southeastern Association of Clinical Microbiology

Employers

- NC Association for Home Care
- NC Dept. of Environment, Health and Natural Resources
- NC Dept. of Health & Human Services
- NC Dept. of Public Instruction
- NC Hospital Association
- NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DHHS)
- NC Health Care Facilities Assn.
- NC Office of Rural Health and Resource Development

Educational Organizations

- Independent Colleges and Universities of NC
 - Duke University
 - Elon University
- NC Area Health Education Centers Program (AHEC)
- NC Dept. of Community Colleges
- Public Universities of NC
 - East Carolina University
 - University of North Carolina
 - Western Carolina University
 - Winston-Salem State University
- NC Health Careers Access Program

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The Council for Allied Health in North Carolina

*Practitioners, Employers and Educators
Collaborating to Ensure Quality Health Services*



Our Mission

To ensure that North Carolinians will have access to a well-prepared, well-distributed allied health workforce that is representative of the diversity of our state's communities.



Our Goals

- Monitor trends in the demand, supply and distribution of Allied Health personnel through regular statewide surveys.
- Inform the General Assembly through the Board of Governors of imbalances in the supply and distribution of Allied Health personnel that adversely affect access to cost-effective, appropriate and effective health care.
- Make recommendations to decision-makers on changes in the need for Allied Health Care services in our communities.
- Monitor and respond to federal initiatives and actions of Congress as they affect the delivery of Allied Health Care services.
- Foster strategies to promote the Allied Health professions as sound occupational pathways for North Carolina's students and career-changers.

Our Forum

- The Council membership, listed in back of this brochure, consists of practitioners, employers and educators collaborating to ensure quality health services for North Carolina.
- The Council meets six times a year in an open forum for sharing information and presenting issues related to education, professional trends, workforce availability of Allied Health professionals, and recommending health care delivery models for beneficial, accessible and cost-effective health services.
- In collaboration with the Sheps Center for Health Service Research, the Council has a model panel process and database to monitor trends in the demand, supply and distribution of the state's allied health workforce.

Our Story

- **1988-1991:** A series of four conferences on workforce shortages in allied health professions in NC led practitioners, educators and employers to form The Council for Allied Health in North Carolina in 1991.
- **1992:** Initiated a Workforce Needs Assessment Survey sent to all employees of allied health professionals in the state. Analysis of results demonstrated critical shortages in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology.
- **1994:** Developed a successful plan for addressing serious shortages in OT, PT and SLP. Council workforce data submitted via UNC General Administration and a cooperative support effort with professional associations and State Early Intervention Council to the General Assembly resulted in expansion funding of \$3,728,934 to the Board of Governors for expanding training programs in OT, PT and SLP across the state.
- **1999 to present:** Established a survey and model database with the Sheps Center for ongoing supply and demand information on the allied health workforce in NC, which is recognized and emulated nationally. Completed three workforce studies:
 - Physical Therapy (May 2000)
 - Speech-Language Pathology (June 2001)
 - Health Information Management (2002)
 - Radiologic Technology (in progress)

Accessed grant from Duke Endowment to establish Office of the Council with first Executive Director.

Ongoing advocacy for allied health issues with both U.S. Congress and the NC General Assembly.

Ongoing updates to the UNC Board of Governors on workforce issues and allied health issues to be used for planning, program development and expansion.

Establishment of web site: www.alliedhealthcouncilNC.org.

Interchange of information among Council members on licensure, certification, standards of practice, funding and organizational issues.