Allied Health Education Accreditation

Opportunities and Challenges

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CAAHEP
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
History and Formation of CAAHEP

- From CAHEA
  - Committee on Allied Health Education Accreditation
  - a committee of the AMA

- Organized as a separate corporation in April 1994
CAAHEP

Largest programmatic/specialized accreditor in the health sciences field in the U.S.
Accredits:

- More than 2200 programs in
- Approximately 1300 sponsoring institutions in
- 23 health sciences occupations
Professions

- Advanced Cardiac Sonographer
- Anesthesia Assistant
- Anesthesia Technology
- Cardiovascular Technology
- Cytotechnology
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Electroneurodiagnostic Technology
- Emergency Medical Technician- Paramedic
- Exercise Physiology
- Exercise Science
- Kinesiotherapy
- Lactation Consultant
Professions (con’t)

- Medical Assisting
- Medical Illustration
- Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician
- Orthotist and Prosthetist
- Perfusion
- Personal Fitness Training
- Polysomnographic Technology
- Recreational Therapy
- Specialist Blood Bank Technology/ Transfusion
- Surgical Assisting
- Surgical Technology
CAAHEP Leadership Bodies

- Commission (Educators, Professionals, Organization Sponsors, VA, DOD, Hospitals, General Public, Recent graduate)
- Board of Directors (elected from among Commissioners)
- Committees on Accreditation (CoAs)
Opportunities

- Third Party Accréditor
- Collaboration among diverse professions
- Collaboration between levels of education
- Career pathways
Provides a venue for a common focus/ common voice

- Emergency Preparedness
- Site Visitor Training
- New Program Director In-service
- Outcome measures
- Distance Learning Issues
- Grants
Challenges

- Icebergs or Ice cubes*
- GAO Reports
- CHEA/ ED mandates

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