



Affordability of Health Professional Education: A Workshop Series

Convened by the Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

VIRTUAL PRE-WORKSHOP 1: EXPLORING COST AS A BARRIER TO HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (HPE)

FEBRUARY 28, 2025
3:00 – 5:00 PM ET ([LIVESTREAM](#))

AGENDA

Objectives

- To explore whether cost of education is a barrier to pursuing a career in the health professions for those who cannot pay tuition and other expenses out-of-pocket
- To clarify cost barriers that limit entry into health professions education

Information gathered from the pre-workshops will be used during the April 23-24 workshop discussing the value proposition for learners to enter into HPE, who cannot afford to pay out-of-pocket

3:00–3:10

Welcome

Opening Remarks

Zohray Talib (IHPE Global Forum Co-chair), California
University of Science and Medicine

Bianca Frogner (Planning Committee Co-Chair), University of Washington

Mark Merrick (Planning Committee Co-Chair), University of Toledo

3:10–4:15

Is Cost a Barrier to Entering Health Professional Education?

What is the evidence?

What data are needed to answer this question?

Moderator:

Sara North, University of Minnesota

Panelists:

Richard K Shields, The University of Iowa

Nathan Sick, Urban Institute

Jonathan Foo, Monash University

Kashon Corley, Ubiquitous Counseling Services

Breanne Jaqua, A.T. Still University

Planning Committee Asking Questions:

- Richard Berman, University of South Florida
- Betsy Mayotte, The Institute of Student Loan Advisors
- Lynette Hamlin, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences
- Valerie Fleming, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center

4:15–4:50 Panel Discussion

Slido Moderator:

JoAnn Yáñez, Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges

4:50–5:00 Closing

Summary & Closing Remarks

Bianca Frogner (Planning Committee Co-Chair), University of Washington

Mark Merrick (Planning Committee Co-Chair), University of Toledo

5:00pm ET Adjournment

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