



## 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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