

Affordability of Health Professional Education, A Workshop Series Special Session: Cost of Education & Intention to Enter Primary Care

Tuesday, April 1st, 2025
10:30 AM -12:30 PM ET
[**LIVESTREAM**](#)

Objectives

- To explore whether the cost of education is a barrier to students entering primary care professions and/or to working in rural settings. To hear global perspectives on current and past strategies to incentivize entry into primary care workforce.
- This session is part of the workshop series, *Affordability of Health Professional Education (HPE)*, convened by the NASEM Global Forum on Innovation in HPE. Information gathered will be used as a primer for the main workshop on April 23-24 discussing value proposition for learners entering HPE who cannot afford to pay costs out-of-pocket.

10:30–10:35pm	Welcome Remarks Zohray Talib , Global Forum Co-Chair Mark Merrick , Planning Committee Co-Chair
10:35–10:45pm	Setting the Stage: A Dire Shortage in the Primary Care Workforce Member of the NASEM Standing Committee on Primary Care: Asaf Bitton , Ariadne Labs & Harvard University
10:45–11:30pm	Panel: Is Cost of Education a Barrier for Students Entering Primary Care and/or Working in Rural Settings? <i>Moderator Remarks</i> Miko Rose , Indiana University of Pennsylvania
	<i>Panelists</i> Courtney Krstic , Medical Schools Council UK Eman Alefishat , Khalifa University College of Medicine and Health Sciences Rafael Rivera , NYU Grossman School of Medicine Melissa Stoudmire , Cleveland Clinic Richard Valachovic , NYU Dentistry Center for Oral Health Policy and Management
11:30–11:40pm	Audience Q&A Mark Merrick , Planning Committee Co-Chair

11:40-12:10pm	Panel Presentations: Global Efforts to Alleviate the Primary Care Shortage
	<i>Moderator</i>
	Zohray Talib , Global Forum Co-Chair
	<i>Presenters</i>
	Mario Dal Poz , Rio de Janeiro State University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
	Milena Forte , University of Toronto, Ontario Canada
	Frank Batcha , University of Washington School of Medicine, Idaho WWAMI
12:10-12:25pm	Audience Q&A
	Mark Merrick , Planning Committee Co-Chair
12:25-12:30pm	Closing Remarks
	Zohray Talib , Global Forum Co-Chair

Statement of Task:^[2]

A planning committee of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will organize a public workshop to explore educational and financial models of health professional education programs and their relationship to affordability of health professional education (HPE). Such models will draw from examples in the US and around the globe, and may include:

- Competency-based education;
- HPE doctoral-level education requirements;
- E-learning options;
- Pathway programs into the health professions;
- Tuition-free education; and
- Public service and loan repayment programs.

The planning committee will select and invite speakers and discussants and moderate the discussions at the workshop. Following the workshop, a proceedings in brief of the presentations and discussions will be prepared by a designated rapporteur in accordance with institutional guidelines.