



AmericanCollege of
HealthcareExecutives
for leaders who care®

ABOUT US

The **American College of Healthcare Executives** is an international professional society of more than 40,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE offers its prestigious FACHE® credential, signifying board certification in healthcare management. ACHE's established network of 80 chapters provides access to networking, education and career development at the local level. In addition, ACHE is known for its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, and its career development and public policy programs. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery. The **Foundation of the American College of Healthcare Executives** was established to further advance healthcare management excellence through education and research. The Foundation of ACHE is known for its educational programs—including the annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,000 participants—and groundbreaking research. Its publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on health services management including textbooks for college and university courses.

Vision

To be the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery.

Mission

To advance our members and healthcare management excellence.

Values

As members of the American College of Healthcare Executives, we are committed to:

Integrity

We advocate and demonstrate high ethical conduct in all we do.

Lifelong Learning

We recognize lifelong learning is essential to our ability to innovate and continually improve ourselves, our organizations and our profession.

Leadership

We lead through example and mentoring, and recognize caring must be a cornerstone of our professional interactions.

Diversity

We advocate inclusion and embrace the differences of those with whom we work and the communities we serve.



Membership

- 45,000 plus members, including more than 9,000 Fellows and more than 27,000 Members as well as students, health administration program faculty, retirees and international healthcare executives.
- Distinguished FACHE® credential signifying board certification in healthcare management. The credential is available to individuals who meet a number of requirements including a graduate degree, five or more years of healthcare management experience, continuing education credits and successful completion of a rigorous examination testing 10 pivotal knowledge areas in the practice of healthcare management.
- 80 chapters in the United States, Canada and Mexico that provide educational programs and networking opportunities to members at the local level. On an annual basis, chapters conduct more than 1,000 events attended by more than 62,000 individuals. ACHE also has four international healthcare executive groups.
- New Physician Executives and Healthcare Consultants Forums, offering resources of special interest to these executive segments.



Knowledge

- Annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, featuring more than 140 educational sessions on critical healthcare management topics and a variety of networking events. With more than 4,000 attendees, this meeting is the largest gathering of senior healthcare leaders in the United States. In addition, ACHE provides nearly 50 unique face-to-face education seminars offered more than 100 times each year as well as a number of online seminars, webinars and self-study programs.
- Publications, including the *Journal of Healthcare Management*, *Frontiers of Health Services Management* and *Healthcare Executive* magazine.
- Books for practicing healthcare executives and textbooks for university programs through ACHE's Health Administration Press.
- More than 2.6 million user sessions per year on **ache.org**, which puts ACHE's education offerings, career services, membership information, the Ray E. Brown Management Resource Center, Health Reform Resources, Member Directory and other resources at members' fingertips.
- Research on top issues confronting hospitals; CEO turnover; issues related to U.S. health reform; and race, gender and ethnicity of healthcare management professionals.

Career Advancement

- Career Resource Center, providing assessments, workshops and other career advancement tools.
- Online Job and Resume Bank, averaging more than 2,000 active jobs and more than 1,800 searchable resumes.
- Career Management Network, linking members to ACHE member volunteers who can provide information and advice about career transitions in healthcare management.
- Leadership Mentoring Network, created to expand learning and development opportunities for ACHE members. The network maintains the classic one-on-one mentoring experience, while relying primarily on a contemporary combination of communication media such as phone and email.
- Postgraduate fellowship area on **ache.org** that shares tools for structuring a fellowship program and opportunities to post and view fellowships. (Postgraduate fellowships are typically one to two years in duration and are undertaken following completion of a master's degree. Fellowship opportunities contribute to the development of future healthcare leaders and bring value to the sponsoring organization.)
- **Healthmanagementcareers.org**, a website developed to encourage high school and college students to enter the field of healthcare management.



Leadership

- *Code of Ethics*, Ethics Self-Assessment, Ethics Toolkit, Ethical Policy Statements and other resources to assist healthcare executives in creating and sustaining a strong ethical foundation in their organizations and in their careers.
- Collaboration with other organizations (such as the American Hospital Association, state hospital associations, Institute for Healthcare Improvement, The Joint Commission, International Hospital Federation and many others) to further stimulate leadership development opportunities in the field.
- Education programs about how healthcare executives can influence public policy and resources on policy issues critical to the field such as Policy Statements and a regular column in *Healthcare Executive* magazine.
- Promotion of diversity in the field through ACHE's Statement on Diversity; the Foundation of ACHE's Thomas C. Dolan Executive Diversity Program; and relationships with the Asian Health Care Leaders Association, Institute for Diversity in Health Management, National Association of Health Services Executives, National Forum for Latino Healthcare Executives; and Rainbow Healthcare Leaders Association. In addition, ACHE is a founding supporter of the Equity of Care initiative to create a call to action to eliminate healthcare disparities and improve quality of care.

Service Excellence

- A governance system that defines the responsibilities of leaders, promotes diversity and builds Regent-chapter collaboration.
- Premier Corporate Partner program that enables ACHE to bring additional high-quality programming to its members while giving corporate partners additional insight into the challenges healthcare executives face and ways to better serve the field.
- The Fund for Innovation in Healthcare Leadership, a philanthropic initiative of the Foundation of ACHE designed to develop visionary leaders and management systems to improve healthcare delivery. The Fund presents programming on ethics and innovation on an annual basis. It also provides program scholarships to deserving individuals to increase diversity among senior healthcare leaders and to support those who may otherwise not have the financial resources to attend.
- Support of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program as a means for healthcare organizations to improve quality outcomes and overall performance.
- An active performance excellence program. Following the example of numerous healthcare organizations, ACHE is pursuing excellence through participation in the state-level performance excellence program. ACHE received the ILPEX Bronze Award in January 2012.
- A professional staff trained in customer service principles, healthcare management issues and a variety of topics to enable staff members to better meet member needs.



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