



Academic Health Department Learning Community Report

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Overview

The [Academic Health Department \(AHD\) Learning Community](#) supports development of [AHD partnerships](#) between public health practice organizations and academic institutions. As a national community of practitioners, educators, and researchers, the AHD Learning Community stimulates discussion and sharing of knowledge; the development of resources; and collaborative learning around establishing, sustaining, and expanding AHD partnerships.

AHD Learning Community Engagement

The Learning Community continues to see sustained interest and engagement from the public health community. The Learning Community has more than 1,200 members, and the Learning Community and its resources and tools have been accessed nearly 5,000 times so far in 2022. [Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice](#) (Council) staff also continue to regularly receive requests for assistance related to AHD partnerships, responding to 10 requests from 8 organizations in 7 states and DC during that same time period.

Webinars and Conferences

AHD partnerships were highlighted during a webinar hosted by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing in April 2022: [Partnerships Between Academic Health Departments and Schools of Nursing](#). This webinar featured AHD partnerships that involve schools of nursing and included presentations from Joann Hoganson, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing at Kent County Health Department (MI); Nola Martz, EdD, MSN, RN, Assistant Professor of Nursing at Truman State University (MO); and Council staff. The webinar was archived for future viewing and is available on the [AACN website](#).

In May 2022, during the Missoula Academic Health Department Conference, Council staff provided an overview of AHD partnerships, including examples from across the country and tips for growing and sustaining these partnerships. AHD partnerships will also be featured at the [2022 NACCHO360 Conference](#), during a virtual session featuring speakers from two local health departments. *Envisioning and Building the Public Health Workforce of the Future Through Partnerships* will be livestreamed on Thursday, July 21, 2022 from 2:30-3:30 EDT. Speakers Lisa Macon Harrison, MPH, Director of the Granville-Vance District Health Department (NC), and Bryn Manzella, MPH, Director of Quality Improvement at the Jefferson County Department of Health (AL), will share their experiences with these partnerships and thoughts on where we go from here.

More information about the AHD Learning Community and its activities is available through the [AHD Learning Community](#) section of the Council website or by contacting Kathleen Amos at kamos@phf.org.