



# **SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH EDUCATIONALISTS (SAAHE)**

## **VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT**

### **Quality and Resilient South African Health Sciences Educators as Leaders for Vision 2030**

SAAHE promotes health sciences excellence in South Africa by:

- Creating a community of practitioners in health professions/sciences education (HPE / HSE);
- Developing the community through conferences and other educational processes;
- Reading the landscape of South African health science education and health service delivery, and responding accordingly with reflections and / or recommendations on evidence;
- Advocating for the health of the Southern African people by promoting excellence in health science education;
- Acknowledging and rewarding excellence in health sciences education;
- Creating an environment to foster members' important role as educators and researchers; and
- Reaching out, cooperating and collaborating with national and international stakeholders in the educational environment.

The long-term aim (2030) of the organisation is:

- To be recognised nationally and internationally as participants in the important discourse relating to population health and the delivery of adequately prepared health educators;
- To influence the creation of scholarly career paths for health educators;
- To provide quality education in terms of staff development and graduates; and
- To be involved in and play key role in the National Health Insurance (NHI) system.

Our audience includes:

- Those who contribute to the education and management of health sciences students;
- Those who seek to develop stronger links between government and health service providers and higher education institutions (role-players); and
- Health sciences students.

SAAHE aims to facilitate the following activities:

- **Leadership:** To be regarded as a leader in ensuring the development of members / individuals.
- **Faculty development:** To bring together those involved in health professions / sciences education in South Africa, and to develop effective teachers for effective learning.
- **Collaboration:** To promote cooperation and collaboration; to establish collaborative links with similar groupings in other countries, particularly in Africa.
- **Scholarship of Teaching and Learning:**
  - To exchange ideas and disseminate information about the education of healthcare workers;
  - To disseminate information about research and development in the field of HPE / HSE in higher and further education through seminars, conferences, publications etc.;
  - To encourage, promote and conduct research into matters concerning the education of healthcare workers, with the aim of providing better healthcare delivery and/or service to communities;
  - To promote dialogue and cooperation among South African researchers and specialists in the field of HPE / HSE, e.g. through arranging regular symposia and conferences at local, regional and national level.
- **Promotion / Marketing:**
  - To support the autonomous regions within the country, each promoting the aims of SAAHE by means of the various relevant activities;
  - To confer recognition for special contributions to HPE / HSE in South Africa, and for meritorious service to the Association;
  - To establish and enhance the credibility and stature of the organisation.
  - To engage in the social media platforms available to stimulate the young career members to help this society grow dynamically.
- **Support:** To promote activities that support health educationalists in their teaching tasks, e.g. training workshops, and short and long courses.

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