CAAHEP Accreditation Workshop

July 17-18, 2026

Embassy Suites Denver Downtown

AGENDA

Friday, July 17, 2026

7:00 AM – 4:00 PM	**Registration and Exhibits Open**
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	**Breakfast with Committees on Accreditation** Everyone is invited to a breakfast session to meet CoA leaders and fellow program representatives from your profession.
8:45 AM – 9:15 AM	**Welcome** *Barry S. Eckert, Ph.D., ASAHP, CAAHEP President*
9:15 AM – 10:30 AM	***Keynote Session*** **State Authorization and SARA: What Program Leaders Need to Know** *Marianne Boeke, Ph.D., President, NC-SARA* An overview of state authorization and the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), focusing on how rules affect online instruction, recruitment, and clinical placements across state lines. Learn institutional responsibilities, common compliance pitfalls, and practical steps program leaders can use to keep programs aligned with institutional policies and state requirements.
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	**Break and Visit with Exhibitors**
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	**Starting with the End in Mind: Curriculum Mapping & Assessment Plans** *Keston Fulcher, Ph.D.* A session on aligning learning outcomes with competencies, standards, teaching strategies, and assessments to enhance continuous program improvement and accreditation readiness.
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	**Lunch and Exhibitor Engagement** Refuel and network! This lunch break offers a dedicated opportunity to engage with exhibitors and discover solutions for your CAAHEP accreditation needs.

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM **Breakout Session 1**

New Program Directors	**From Self-Study to Site Visit: Be Prepared - Planning for Success** *Lacie Couzin, Ph.D., RN, and Karon Walton, M.Ed.* Move from self-study to a successful site visit with a practical roadmap. This session offers actionable strategies to align your self-study with the on-site review, avoid common pitfalls, and build a culture of continuous readiness.
CAAHEP Commissioners	**CAAHEP Update and 2026-2029 Strategic Plan** *Barry Eckert, Ph.D., FASAHP, Teddy Farias, D.C., M.S., M.T.A.A., C.C.M.A., and Gina Scarboro, D.B.A., CAA* An update on recent CAAHEP activities and a deep dive into the 2026–2029 Strategic Plan. Learn about key priorities, upcoming initiatives, and how these strategic directions will shape the Commission's future.
Seasoned Professionals	**Understanding and Navigating Accommodations for Students with Disabilities in Allied Health Programs** *Dean Jobe, MS, RM(AAM)* Learn how disability services, faculty, and program leaders can collaborate on requests, interpret technical standards, and support student success in classroom and clinical settings through real-world scenarios.

2:15 – 2:30 PM **Break and Exhibitor Engagement**

2:30 – 3:45 PM **Breakout Session 2**

New Program Directors	**Site Visit Day is Here: What to Expect and How to Prepare** *Jennifer Anderson Warwick, MA, and Jenn Stever, MMSc, CAA* Prepare confidently for accreditation site visits. This session covers what to expect before, during, and after a visit, including document preparation, stakeholder coordination, common visitor questions, and strategies for a smooth, transparent process.
CAAHEP Commissioners	**Commissioner and Member Engagement Opportunities in CAAHEP** *Gregory Ferenchak, Ed.D., RT(R)(QM), and Glen Mayhew, DHSc, NRP* Discover ways commissioners can deepen their involvement with CAAHEP. This session highlights current engagement opportunities to build a collaborative allied health education community.
Seasoned Professionals	**Using OSCEs, Formative Assessments, and Electronic Portfolios for Competency Evaluation** *Dennis Edgerly, BS, EMT-P* This session demonstrates how to integrate Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs), formative assessments, and electronic portfolios into an integrated competency evaluation system.

3:45 – 4:00 PM **Break and Exhibitor Engagement**

3:00 – 4:15 PM **Breakout Session 3**

New Program Directors	**Building Confidence as a New Program Director** *Christy Baily-Byers, MBA, APR, and Antoinette Trujillo-Fergus, MBA, CRCST, CST* A focused session for new program directors offering practical tools and strategies for decision-making, communication, team leadership, and handling common challenges—so you can lead with authenticity and confidence from day one.
CAAHEP Commissioners	**The New CAAHEP Quality Framework** *Donald Balasa, JD, MBA, and Thomas Platt, Ed.D., NRP, FAEMS* An introduction to the new CAAHEP Quality Framework. Learn the four quality dimensions, distinguish between core and enhancement outcome measures, and the outcome measures used to demonstrate program quality.
Seasoned Professionals	**Creating Rubrics** *Keston Fulcher, Ph.D.* Hands-on workshop providing attendees with the knowledge needed to create valid evaluation methods for assessing student knowledge, skills, and abilities.

5:15 – 5:45 PM **Open Hearing (Potential)**

6:00 – 8:00 PM **President's Reception with Awards**
Join us at the President's Reception with Awards, to celebrate the recipient of CAAHEP's highest honor – the William W. Goding Award for Exceptional Service. Come for the celebration, stay for the conversations — and leave with new connections and inspiration.

Saturday, July 18, 2026:

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Registration and Exhibits Open**

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM **Breakfast and Exhibitor Engagement**

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM **Day Two Welcome**
Gina Scarboro, D.B.A., CAA, Executive Director, CAAHEP

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM ***Keynote Session***
Allied Health Workforce Trends
Bianca Frogner, Ph.D.
This session will examine current trends in the allied health workforce based on research insights from the Center for Health Workforce Studies at the University of Washington.

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM **Break and Exhibitor Engagement**

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM **How to Best Prepare Students for Professional Practice**
Cathy Bammert, Ph.D., CT, MB(ASCP), CMIAC, and Jennifer Caceres, CT(ASCP)
This session presents evidence-informed approaches—experiential learning,

simulation, mentorship, and competency-based assessment—to build real-world skills, professional behaviors, and confidence. Participants will gain actionable ideas to boost student readiness, strengthen employer partnerships, and support smooth transitions into the workplace.

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM **Coaching and Mentoring for Health Professions Educators**
Subha Ramani, MBBS, MMEd, MPH, PhD
A discussion about the principles and strategies health professions educators should use to create meaningful mentoring relationships.

12:15 PM – 12:30 PM **Closing Remarks**
Gina Scarboro, D.B.A., CAA, Executive Director, CAAHEP

Post-Conference Committee on Accreditation Meetings
Post-workshop opportunity to meet with staff and leaders from select CAAHEP Committees on Accreditation. Participants must attend the workshop and register for these sessions.

The following Committees are hosting meetings after the CAAHEP Accreditation Workshop:

12:30 PM – 5:00 PM **Accreditation Council for the Art Therapist (ACATE)**

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM **Accreditation Review Committee for the Anesthesiologist Assistant (ARC-AA)**

12:30 PM – 5:00 PM **Joint Review Committee on Education in Cardiovascular Technology (JRC-CVT)**

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM **Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA)**

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS)**