

**Department of  
Veterans Affairs**

# Memorandum

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From: Acting Director, Associated Health Education (14AA), VA Central Office, Washington, DC

Subj: Academic Year (AY) 2022-23/Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Trainee Support for Associated Health Professions: Request for HPT Positions and Standards of Excellence Reports

To: Designated Education Officers and National Program Office Liaisons

1. Please see the attached program announcement, “**Academic Year 2022-23 or Fiscal Year 2023 HPT Support for AHE Professions: Request for HPT Positions and Standards of Excellence Reports.**” Copies have been sent to Directors of all Veterans Integrated Services Networks, Designated Education Officers, and National Program Offices.
2. The program announcement provides policies and procedures for the preparation and submission of requests for Academic Year (AY) 2022-23 or Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 funding support for associated health education (AHE) health professions trainees (HPTs). The entire report will be entered online in a web-based system developed by the Office of Academic Affiliations. (See Program Announcement: Appendix B for instructions).
3. Training position requests and profession-specific Standards of Excellence (SoE) reports are due in the OAA database on or before **Friday, September 17, 2021**. *Note that twelve professions will not require facilities to complete SoE reports or request positions for AY 2022-23.* These training programs (audiology, chiropractic care, clinical pastoral education, registered dietetic nutrition, licensed professional mental health counseling, marriage and family therapy, occupational therapy, orthotics/prosthetics, physician assistant, psychology, social work, and speech language pathology) will maintain funding at the AY 2021-22 **approved base position levels**.
4. Similar to last year, you will find a **Request for Information on Profession-Specific Training Program Retention and Educational Infrastructure**: OAA is collecting data from **all** profession-specific training directors, including professions without an SoE, to review trends in retention rates, training director protected time, and appropriate infrastructure to support training programs. <https://www.research.net/r/TDNBD2021>
5. Questions regarding AHE programs should be referred to the AHE team at [Assoc.Health@va.gov](mailto:Assoc.Health@va.gov).



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Attachments