

OAA Bulletin

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Apply Now - OAA Designated Education Officer (DEO) Certificate Program

The Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) invites you to apply for the [OAA Designated Education Officer \(DEO\) track of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences \(USUHS\) Health Professions Education \(HPE\) Certificate Program](#). This program begins November 7 and is a collaboration between OAA and USUHS to provide professional development and educational enhancement to DEOs. Applications are due to OAA by **May 31**.

AAMC Membership

The Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) to acquire AAMC Membership is being renewed and should be completed by July 1, 2023. The membership cost is expected to be \$10,000 per site and can be paid via government purchase card. This renewal offer will be available to all stations. Sites should coordinate payment with their purchase card officials once the BPA is finalized. Additional information will be provided as the BPA process is completed. If you have questions regarding this program, please utilize the [OAA Help Desk](#) and submit a ticket under the General Support Questions category.

STRONG Veterans Act Mental Health Expansion Request for Proposals

OAA is pleased to announce the [STRONG Veterans Act Mental Health Expansion Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) for Licensed Professional Mental Health Counselors (LPMHC) and Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) for the fiscal year 2025/Academic Year (AY) 2024-2025. This initiative is a response to the STRONG Veterans Act of 2022, Section 103. The RFP targets VA facilities looking to establish a new LPMHC or MFT training program and established programs interested in increasing allocations. A non-binding Letter of Intent to submit the RFP application is due to OAA by **June 14**. The full RFP application is due to OAA by **August 15**. Please direct questions about this RFP announcement to Associated Health Education at OAAAssociatedHealth@va.gov.

EARs V.5 Workbook for HPT Tracking

Effective July 1, facilities are required to implement the Academic Year (AY) 2023-2024 EARs Version 5 Workbook. OAA's Medical and Dental Education Section will conduct AY 2023-2024 EARs V5 Q&A Hour to answer additional questions about the new workbook. Outlook invitations have been sent to DEOs for the sessions listed below. For more information, please contact Roschelle Manigold at Roschelle.Manigold@va.gov.

June 1 at 12:00 p.m. EDT	Click here to join the meeting	+1 872-701-0185,381642939#
June 9 at 11:00 a.m. EDT	Click here to join the meeting	+1 872-701-0185,382491448#
June 30 at 3:00 p.m. EDT	Click here to join the meeting	+1 872-701-0185,788010847#

DEO 2023: Discover, Empower, and Optimize Conference Travel and Hotel Instructions



OAA will host the VA National Designated Education Officer (DEO) Conference on August 23 and 24 in Chicago, IL. Join OAA and academic leaders from across the country to discover best practices, empower your VA's clinician educators, and optimize your academic partnerships and health professions education programs. **OAA will fund conference travel costs for DEOs.** Please review the [Instructions to Travelers \(ITT\)](#) for important information and timelines.

Hotel Registration Deadline: **July 31** - [National DEO Annual Conference - Start your reservation \(passkey.com\)](#)

OAA Discontinues Funding of Clinical Pastoral Education PGY 3 Residents

OAA will no longer fund Post-Graduate Year (PGY) 3 Chaplain Educator Candidate (CEC) Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Residents. The CEC training will fall to the National Program Office and local facilities to train employee chaplains to become educators. The PGY3 allocations will convert to increase CPE's PGY1 and PGY2 allocations and be redistributed for AY 2024-2025 through a budget-neutral RFP per the [CPE CEC Memo](#). Please direct questions to our Associated Health Education mail group, OAAAssociatedHealth@va.gov.

VA's Academic Mission in the News and Trainee Spotlight

OAA is pleased to share recent news stories highlighting VA's academic mission and our HPTs. Please consider submitting your HPTs to be featured in an upcoming OAA Bulletin or VA national stories. Please complete the [Trainee Spotlight Story Questionnaire](#) to submit a nomination. Share your successes, news, and story ideas with OAA's Public Affairs Team, Tonya Lobbestael at tonya.lobbestael@va.gov.

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