

Professional Associations: Majors in the School of Health Sciences

Joining professional associations is a key part of career development, offering students access to industry insights, networking opportunities, and professional growth. Many organizations have student-based memberships or chapters that allow you to connect with peers, mentors, and professionals while you're still in school, helping you build relationships early on. These associations provide resources such as conferences, certifications, job boards, and mentorship programs, giving you a competitive edge in your field. By joining professional associations, you're not only investing in your education but also setting yourself up for long-term career success.

Exercise Science:

[American College of Sports Medicine \(ACSM\)](#)
[American Council on Exercise \(ACE\)](#)
[American Society of Exercise Physiologists \(ASEP\)](#)
[International Society of Sports Nutrition \(ISSN\)](#)
[National Academy of Sports Medicine \(NASM\)](#)
[National Association for Health and Fitness \(NAHF\)](#)
[National Council on Strength & Fitness \(NCSF\)](#)
[National Strength and Conditioning Association \(NSCA\)](#)
[North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity \(NASPSPA\)](#)
[Society of Health and Physical Educators \(SHAPE America\)](#)

Nursing:

[American Academy of Nursing \(AAN\)](#)
[American Association of Colleges of Nursing \(AACN\)](#)
[American Association of Nurse Practitioners \(AANP\)](#)
[American Nurses Association \(ANA\)](#)
[American Organization for Nursing Leadership \(AONL\)](#)
[Association of periOperative Registered Nurses \(AORN\)](#)
[National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists \(NACNS\)](#)
[National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners \(NAPNAP\)](#)
[National League for Nursing \(NLN\)](#)
[Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing \(Sigma\)](#)

Nutrition:

[Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics](#)
[American Clinical Board of Nutrition \(ACBN\)](#)
[American Nutrition Association \(ANA\)](#)
[Association for Nutrition \(AfN\)](#)
[International Confederation of Dietetic Associations \(ICDA\)](#)
[International Society of Sports Nutrition \(ISSN\)](#)
[National Association of Nutrition Professionals \(NANP\)](#)

[Nutrition Society](#)

[Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior \(SNEB\)](#)

[World Public Health Nutrition Association \(WPHNA\)](#)

Occupational Therapy:

[American Occupational Therapy Association \(AOTA\)](#)

[American Society of Hand Therapists \(ASHT\)](#)

[Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists \(ADED\)](#)

[Brain Injury Association of America \(BIAA\)](#)

[International Association for the Study of Pain \(IASP\)](#)

[National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy \(NBCOT\)](#)

[National Stroke Association \(NSA\)](#)

[Occupational Therapy Association of California \(OTAC\)](#)

[Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America \(RESNA\)](#)

[World Federation of Occupational Therapists \(WFOT\)](#)

Physical Therapy:

[American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists \(AAOMPT\)](#)

[American Academy of Physical Therapy \(AAPT\)](#)

[American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties \(ABPTS\)](#)

[American Physical Therapy Association \(APTA\)](#)

[American Society of Shoulder and Elbow Therapists \(ASSET\)](#)

[Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy \(FSBPT\)](#)

[National Physical Therapy Association \(NPTA\)](#)

[Orthopaedic Section of the American Physical Therapy Association \(Ortho-APTA\)](#)

[Private Practice Section of the American Physical Therapy Association \(PPS-APTA\)](#)

[World Confederation for Physical Therapy \(WCPT\)](#)

Public Health:

[American College of Epidemiology \(ACE\)](#)

[American Public Health Association \(APHA\)](#)

[Association for Prevention Teaching and Research \(APTR\)](#)

[Association of Public Health Laboratories \(APHL\)](#)

[Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health \(ASPPH\)](#)

[Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists \(CSTE\)](#)

[National Association of County and City Health Officials \(NACCHO\)](#)

[National Environmental Health Association \(NEHA\)](#)

[Society for Public Health Education \(SOPHE\)](#)

[Society for Epidemiologic Research \(SER\)](#)