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ACHE of Arkansas on Linked In

ACHE of Arkansas is now on LinkedIn! Be sure and follow the page found HERE.

ACHE of Arkansas 2026 Mentorship Program

ACHE of Arkansas is gearing up for the 2026 Mentorship Program. CLICK HERE for the flyer which provides information on how to become a mentor, how to become a mentee, and important dates for the program.

We are in need of three things:

1. Mentors
2. Mentees
3. Volunteers to help with orientation set for June 24th (virtual)

During orientation, we will go into breakout rooms and split the mentors and mentees to go over expectations, resources, etc. then we will give time in breakout rooms for the pairs to initially meet and get their first session scheduled.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and helping with orientation, please contact:

Melissa Yandell, PhD, MHA, FACHE, Associate Director of Operations, MHA Program, Assistant Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, University for Medical Sciences at myandell@uams.edu.

ACHE No Longer Using Sign-in Sheets

ACHE is no longer using physical sign-in sheets for events and will utilize Google Forms and QR codes for attendees to earn their ACHE In-Person Education (formerly face-to-face) hours.

The NEW step by step process is as follows:

1. QR Codes will be placed at the In-Person Education events.
2. Attendees MUST scan the QR code and complete the Google Form that pops up.
3. Google Forms will ask for the following information:
    - First Name (As listed on your ACHE account)*
    - Last Name (As listed on your ACHE account) *
    - Email Address *
    - Phone Number *

- Company Name *
- Job Title *
- Street Address *
- City *
- State *
- ACHE Member ID (Optional)

4. ACHE will download the responses the following day and award credits within 2 weeks of the event. **Chapters do not need to send any documentation to ACHE after the event.**

The QR Code will ONLY be available on the day of the event. If you forget to scan the QR Code, there is not an option to "sign-in" later to receive your hours.

Evaluation of events has not changed. The evaluation will also be provided via a SEPARATE QR code. This link can be used up to seven days following the event.

Attendees must scan BOTH QR Codes to sign-in and complete the evaluation.

Chapter Member Needs Survey

On May 4, ACHE launched the annual Chapter Member Needs Survey to eligible members. The annual survey is designed to provide you with necessary feedback on the programs and services provided to the local members. This survey was sent via personalized emails containing links to our survey provider's website. ***Please be aware the survey link is specific to the member—it cannot be forwarded to other individuals***. It was sent to all members who have been a member of ACHE of Arkansas for at least a year and can receive emails from ACHE.

To ensure ACHE receives a great response to capture data that can help your chapter formulate strategies to serve members, we're asking for your help:

- The Survey was sent on **May 4** with follow-up emails scheduled for **May 11** and **May 18**. The emails will be sent from **surveys@ache.org.**
- Check your spam consoles first if you do not receive the survey email. When the survey emails are blocked by other organizations, the email is often found in the organization's spam console.
- If you did not receive the survey and can't find it in your spam folder, please contact the chapter relations team at **chapters@ache.org**.

Data collection will close on Tuesday, May 26th.

Need to Post a Job Opening or Looking for a New Opportunity?

ACHE's Job Center can be found here. The job center allows members to search for open positions based on location, titles, keywords, and more. If your facility has an opening that you would like to fill, employers and recruiters are able to post jobs to the site. You do not have to be a member to post an open position; however, you must sign up as a new user.

Board of Governors Exam Fee Waiver Campaign Runs Through June 30

Are you planning on taking the Board of Governors Exam soon? Take advantage of ACHE's Board of Governors Exam fee waiver offer (a savings of $225). Candidates who submit an FACHE® application between March 1 and June 30 are eligible to receive the waiver, pending approval of the application. Visit ache.org/FACHE to learn more.

Did You Know?

- **If you have an open application to take the BOG exam, ACHE of Arkansas will reimburse you for the ACHE Flash Cards.**
- **If you take the BOG exam and pass, and your organization will not cover the cost of the exam, ACHE of Arkansas will reimburse you for the exam.**

Reach out to Lyndsey Dumas Gilbert with questions.

Upcoming Education

Arkansas Hospital Education & Research Trust (AHERT) Leadership Conference set for June 17-19, 2026 at Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas in Rogers will hold a 1.5 In-person Education panel on Friday, June 19th focused on "Integrating Principles of Patient-Centered Care." More information can be found HERE.

ACHE of Arkansas has a goal of offering 7.0 In-person Education Hours for 2026.
Thus far 4.5 hours have been offered.

Be on the lookout for more in-person education hours!

Reminder: Terminology for ACHE Continuing Education Hours

ACHE Face-to-Face Hours are Now Called ACHE In-Person Education.
As of January 1, 2024, ACHE Face-to-Face Education is now called ACHE In-Person Education under the revised credentialing policy. Offerings such as the Congress on Healthcare Leadership, ACHE Clusters, in-person Choice programs and approved in-person chapter panels are all considered In-Person Education events. The terminology "Face-to-Face Hours" is no longer used.

ACHE Qualified Education is Now Known as ACHE Qualifying Education Hours
Also, as of January 1, 2024, ACHE Qualified Education is now ACHE Qualifying Education Hours. You will notice this new terminology being used on ACHE and Arkansas Hospital Association education programs for education that are not providing ACHE In-Person Education hours.