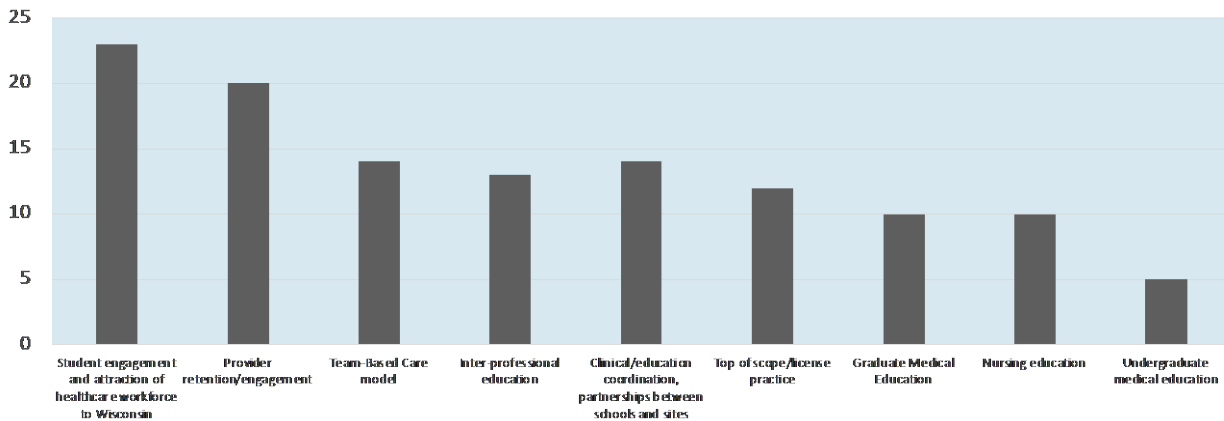


FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

UPDATE ON TOPICS FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMIT – SURVEY STILL OPEN

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, this year we will include surveys on a number of issues we seek input on. The first is on what topics you would like to see covered in this year's workforce Summit. Below is a chart showing initial results. The survey is still open, so if you want to respond, you can click on this [link](#) to go to the survey.



DHS ANNOUNCES APC AND AHP GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Health Services has made the following announcements:

“Advanced Practice Clinician Grant (APC)

The Wisconsin legislature has [authorized the APC program](#) to create and support clinical training opportunities for Physician Assistants (PAs) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). APRNs include nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, clinical nurse specialists, and certified registered nurse anesthetists. The goal of the grant is to expand the use of PAs and APRNs to increase access to health care. There will be a 3-year period of performance for the \$500,000 annual funds allocated.

Preference is given to programs serving rural areas of the state, however programs serving urban and suburban areas are also welcome to apply.

- Applications are **due by 11:59 p.m.** central time April 5, 2024.
- Applications submitted after this date and time will not be reviewed.

Interested parties can find more information on the request for applications (RFA) on the [Wisconsin](#)

[Public Notices webpage.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the [DHS Rural Workforce Grants team](#) via email at DHSRuralWorkforceGrants@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

Allied Health Professional Education and Training Grant (AHP)

The Wisconsin legislature has [authorized the Department of Health Services](#) (DHS) to distribute grants to health care consortia to establish education and training programs for allied health professionals. Up to \$3 million in 2024–2025 is allocated to support partnerships of hospitals, health systems, and educational providers to increase the availability of quality education and training opportunities for critical allied health positions. This will be a one-year period of performance. Preference is given to partnerships serving rural areas of the state, however partnerships serving urban and suburban areas are also welcome to apply.

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WORKFORCE IN THE NEWS

[Why 1 hospital launched a 'designated education unit' for new nurses](#) – Becker's Healthcare

Mercy Fort Smith (Ark.) Hospital has launched a new 18-bed unit, which will have a 4:1 patient to nurse ratio. The unit is specifically designed to provide close contact, hands-on training for new graduate nurses.