



2015

Annual Report



Commission on
Accreditation of Allied
Health Education Programs

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President's Review



*Thomas K. Skalko, Ph.D., LRT/CTRS,
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As another fiscal year has come to a close, I can only compliment the CAAHEP Board of Directors, Kathy Megivern, and the CAAHEP staff on a very active and successful year. As each year comes to an end, it gives an opportunity to reflect on our successes and our challenges. I think I can safely say that CAAHEP has had several successes and the climate of accreditation continues to be a challenge.

Counting our Successes in 2014-2015

It is rewarding to reflect on CAAHEP successes over this past year. I can state that it has indeed been interesting. I wanted to take just a moment to reflect on our success and accomplishments. These accomplishments are not in any specific order but are an indication of the activities of our organization.

Strategic Planning: The CAAHEP Board completed our strategic plan for the next 3-5 years. Among the priorities were increasing support for our Committees on Accreditation (CoAs), marketing of the CAAHEP Brand, and engagement in public policy. CAAHEP has been very diligent in our efforts to fulfill all of the strategic plan's objectives.

New Standards Specialist: In the spring, the CAAHEP Board approved and implemented a search for a Standards Specialist to assist with the standards review process. Ms. Kalyani Naik was selected from a strong pool of applicants and began her duties on a part-time basis. The new position will help our CoAs in the review and revision of their standards in our effort to ensure consistency across the disciplines.

Marketing Efforts: After conducting a request for marketing proposals, CAAHEP selected to work with Ann Marie Mecera Communications to assist us in the review of efforts and to explore options for marketing the CAAHEP brand.

Indigo Interactive has been working diligently with the CAAHEP Staff in enhancing our web-based systems. We will be engaging in discussions on further options that will assist our CoAs in their efforts to meet CAAHEP accreditation standards.

On the challenges side, we can only encourage all to keep track of the larger accreditation discussion at the Federal level. While primarily directed at institutional accreditation, the implications will impact everyone.

This past year the Council for Higher Education Accreditation has demanded that all accreditors recognized by them (including CAAHEP) ensure that all accredited academic programs comply with the requirement for consumer access to outcomes at each of the accredited programs. Executive Director Megivern has been working with the staff to identify processes to respond to the CHEA mandate.

It appears that 2015-2016 will be another busy year. I am confident in our abilities to meet all the challenges ahead and to continue to maintain CAAHEP as the gold standard for allied health accreditation.

Financial Summary

With the completion of the Audit on October 1, 2015, by Lovett & Company, CPA, PA, CAAHEP is pleased to report the fiscal year 2014-2015 ended strong. A few changes in the financial policies in recent years allowed CAAHEP to place a year's worth of expenses in reserve, and financed a special project of a critical upgrade to the organization's database and website.



*Barry Eckert, Ph.D., FASAHP
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 (compared to June 20, 2014)

REVENUE:	2015	2014
Membership Fees	\$ 826,825	\$ 820,070
Annual Meeting Revenue	31,715	38,573
Other Revenue	35,228	30,515
Net Gain on Investment	(19,395)	530
 Total Revenues	 <u>\$ 874,373</u>	 <u>\$ 889,688</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
Personnel, Consulting and Professional Services	\$ 581,331	\$ 509,933
Publications, Dues & Subscriptions	12,060	12,296
Meetings and Travel	244,660	251,174
Office Expenses	46,198	37,354
Research and Special Projects	177,515	58,813
Depreciation	9,696	7,196
 Total Expenditures	 <u>1,071,460</u>	 <u>876,766</u>
 Unrealized Losses (Gains)	 <u>(29,202)</u>	 <u>(175,586)</u>
 Total Expenditures & Unrealized Losses	 <u>1,042,258</u>	 <u>701,180</u>
 Change in Net Assets	 (167,885)	 188,508
Prior Period Adjustment	(2,354)	(271)
Net Assets, Beginning of year	2,207,827	2,019,590
 Net Assets, End of Year	 <u>\$2,037,588</u>	 <u>\$ 2,207,827</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2015
(with comparative financial information for June 30, 2014)

ASSETS:	2015	2014
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 419,856	\$ 315,227
Prepaid Expenses	20,605	17,152
Total Current Assets	<u>440,461</u>	<u>332,379</u>
Investments	1,770,438	2,061,417
Fixed Assets, Net	254,919	264,617
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,465,818</u>	<u>\$ 2,658,413</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ 6,962	\$ 12,317
Accrued Annual Leave	8,168	6,789
Deferred Income	413,100	431,480
Total Current Liabilities	<u>428,230</u>	<u>450,586</u>
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	2,037,588	2,207,827
Total Net Assets	<u>2,037,588</u>	<u>2,207,827</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$ 2,465,818</u>	<u>\$ 2,658,413</u>

Year in Review

Following the Commission's 20th anniversary last year, the CAAHEP Board took time this year to reflect on our past accomplishments and focus on planning for continued growth and success in our future. An intense planning session with the Board and staff was held that culminated in a new five-year strategic plan. The plan's goals are designed to continue our mission to assure quality health professions education to serve the public interest. It is CAAHEP's vision to be the gold standard for programmatic accreditation of allied health, and to achieve this by:

- expanding the recognition of the CAAHEP brand,
- delivering unparalleled services to constituents/stakeholders/customers,
- influencing public policy regarding programmatic accreditation in allied health, and
- strengthening the efficiency and effectiveness of operations throughout CAAHEP.

Work on all of these goals is underway. To address the goal of expanding recognition of the CAAHEP brand, CAAHEP solicited the assistance of a marketing professional, which led to the Board selecting a group familiar with accreditation and CAAHEP. Watch for the roll out of a marketing plan in the coming year.

To begin the process of improving services to our constituents, CAAHEP has done some research of our current activities by surveying our communities of interest about these services and what new offerings would assist them in the future. Of the new goals, strengthening the efficiency and effectiveness of operations throughout CAAHEP has had the most activity thus far. In July, the Board approved an increase in staffing resources to support the CoAs. This is especially needed with so many new professions joining CAAHEP. The additional staff hours are used to assist the new CoAs as they begin the process of creating policies and guidelines for the accreditation process, and continue to serve as a resource for existing CoAs. Another major project toward this goal is the enhancement of CAAHEP's technology. The Board approved a major expenditure for a special project to design an enhanced accreditation management software, updated annual reporting system, and redesign of the CAAHEP website. Many hours have been spent on this project this past year, and CAAHEP looks forward to rolling out the new systems in 2016.



Board Members Betsy Slagle and Doug York work with President Thom Skalko and Executive Director Kathy Megivern on the new Strategic Plan

CHEA Activity

While preparing the interim report for the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), the accrediting body that recognizes CAAHEP, it became apparent that new rules and regulations handed down by CHEA would cause necessary changes in CAAHEP policies and reporting requirements. Specifically, CHEA was requiring more transparency and disclosure of outcomes by accredited programs. One item CHEA requires is that accredited programs to publish outcomes on their website. The CAAHEP Standards Template language indicated “outcomes will be supplied upon request,” so the Board approved an immediate change to the language, because outcomes must be published. New policy language was approved that states:

“The sponsor must maintain, and make available to the public, current and consistent summary information about student/graduate achievement that includes the results of one or more of the outcomes assessments required in these **Standards**.

The sponsor should develop a suitable means of communicating to the communities of interest the achievement of students/graduates (e.g. through a website or electronic or printed documents).”

CAAHEP notified all CoAs that all Standards would be amended to include this policy language and the Committees developed policies and procedures for programs to follow to meet the new requirement.

Continued Growth

CAAHEP is pleased to report that the organization’s membership increased this year with several new sponsoring organizations. In April, the Commission welcomed:

- American Art Therapy Association
- RESNA – Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America
- Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education and Rehabilitation Engineering
- Assistive Technology Education Committee on Accreditation

Also, a new Associate Member was added in April, the Coalition for Baccalaureate and Graduate Respiratory Therapy Education.

Accreditation Achievements and Process Enhancements

The Recommendation Review Committee 18-month pilot concluded, and the pilot was deemed a success. The Recommendation Review Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Board of Directors reviews each recommendation that is submitted by the CoAs; collects data from the accreditation process to analyze trends and common situations; assures consistency with CAAHEP policy; and makes recommendations to the Board for policy changes. The data collected is also shared with the CoAs and has been used in several scenario sessions during meetings to give the CoAs a better understanding of why the Board asks questions and to get a sense of some of the situations the Board deals with in making accreditation decisions.

CAAHEP's Relationship with the Committees on Accreditation

The Commission continues to provide a shared subscription to Go to Meetings / Go to Webinars to assist our CoAs in reducing the cost of conducting face-to-face meetings. The CoAs began using the new Survey Monkey subscription CAAHEP provides this past year, as well. This includes using Survey Monkey to gather comments on proposed Standards. The development of the new site visitor software was completed by Indigo Interactive and is in testing stages with one of the Committees on Accreditation.

At the request of CoAs, we developed a brief video on the legal principles every nonprofit board member should know. Hopefully, it will be used in the orientation of new CAAHEP and CoA Board members. The "CAAHEP Air" video, which depicts a flight attendant talking about the do's and don'ts of a nonprofit board, debuted in the summer and is available to all CoAs on the Accreditation Services Hub. CAAHEP recognizes, with appreciation, Elise Scanlon, Esq., for her help with the script used in the video. In addition to the "CAAHEP Air" video, several other offerings that are focused on CoA administration and CAAHEP policies are archived and available online for CoA leadership review.



Image from "CAAHEP Air," an informational video on legal principles of nonprofit Boards developed by CAAHEP.

CAAHEP also continued to support the CoAs with the scholarship fund for CoA staff to attend the meetings of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA). In addition, CAAHEP staff continues to provide one-on-one guidance to several new and smaller CoAs with no paid staff to manage the CoA activities.

Annual Meeting

In April, the 2015 CAAHEP Annual Meeting was held in Kansas City, Missouri, at the Intercontinental Kansas City Hotel, where we celebrated our largest attendance to date. The Meeting theme was "*Partnering to Achieve Quality Outcomes*," and included the keynote address "Achieving Positive Patient Outcomes Throughout the Life Cycle within the Context of the Medical Home," with Craig Tanio, MD, Chief Medical Officer of ChenMed. Annual Meeting sessions included:



- "Getting it Off the Shelf: How to Use Your Practice Analysis to Create Best Practices Across Your Profession," by the sponsoring organizations of the National Commission on Orthotic & Prosthetic Education
- "Federal Update: New Congress, Same Administration," by Elise Scanlon, Esq.

- “An Update on H2P Outcomes,” with Marianne Krismer, EdD, National Director, Health Professions Pathways, TAACCCT Consortium
- Concurrent Sessions, where the Commissioners participated in “Speed Dating,” an opportunity to get to know other Commissioners, while Q&A sessions with the Surgical Technology, Medical Assisting, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, and Emergency Medical Services Professions CoA representatives were offered. This session was for program directors or deans in attendance.
- A “Spotlight on CAAHEP’s Two Newest Professions” an overview of the Art Therapy and Assistive Technology professions
- “Establishing a Simulation Center: It Takes Partnerships,” by Michael Foss, MA, Dean of the School of Health and Patient Simulation, Springfield Technical Community College, where he shared how he established a comprehensive simulation center by developing partnerships
- “Preparing for the Silver Tsunami,” with Cecilia Rokusek, EdD, RD, NOVA Southeastern University, a session on how to incorporate geriatric issues into the allied health curriculum

Attendees had an opportunity to network and have some fun during the annual meeting, as well, including karaoke and dancing, as well as an old-time photo booth complete with hats, glasses, masks, and other “accessories” just for fun.

Business Meeting of the Commission

During the April 20, 2015, Annual Business Meeting of the Commission, Commissioners voted on:

- proposed Bylaws amendments, all were accepted;
- the membership of two new Committees on Accreditation, both were approved;
- the membership of two new sponsoring organizations, both were approved;
- the membership of a new associate member, which was approved; and,
- the election of Board members for the three-year terms.



CAAHEP Award for Exceptional Service

During the Annual Meeting of Commissioners in Kansas City, Missouri, CAAHEP presented its Exceptional Service Award to two, long-serving volunteer leaders in accreditation:

James Atkins, MD, FAAC (ACC)



James Atkins, MD, FAAC (ACC), left, receives the CAAHEP Award for Exceptional Service from George Hatch, PhD.

Marjorie Reif, M.Ed., PA-C, CMA



Marjorie Reif, M.Ed., PA-C, CMA, left, receives the CAAHEP Award for Exceptional Service from Robin Seabrook

Dr. James Atkins

Dr. Atkins was first elected to the CAAHEP Board of Directors in 1999. At that time, he was the Commissioner for what was then the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs for the EMT-Paramedic. He served as a CoA Representative on the Board for two full terms (six years), and during his Board tenure also served as a liaison to several CoAs and was on the Finance Committee. After leaving the CAAHEP Board, he continued as Commissioner for the American College of Cardiology and attended nearly every CAAHEP Annual Meeting, offering his expertise and experience to the Commission throughout those years.

Dr. Atkins represented the representative from the American College of Cardiology, first on the JRC-EMPT, and then on the CoA-EMSP. He has also served as Treasurer of CoA-EMSP for several years, helping to monitor the budget and guide them to a strong financial position.

He has spent over 38 years teaching EMS students and guiding the EMS program at the University of Texas-Southwestern. As one of the award endorsement letters said, Jim “has always had a special place in his heart for allied health and teaching, and we are all better and safer because of his exceptional service to CAAHEP and the EMS Profession.”

Marjorie Reif

Marjorie Reif was elected to the CAAHEP Board of Directors in 2000. She was the Commissioner representing what was then the Curriculum Review Board, now known as the Medical Assisting Education Review Board. She served as chair of that CoA, as well. She went on to serve two full terms on the CAAHEP Board (six years). During that time, Marj chaired the Annual Meeting Program Planning Committee for the 2001 meeting, and continued as a member of that Committee for the 2002 meeting. She also served on CAAHEP's Standards Committee, where her attention to detail was always most appreciated.

While on the CAAHEP Board, Marj began serving as the CAAHEP Board Liaison to NCOPE, the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education. She was so highly valued by NCOPE that when she rotated off as their Liaison, she was elected in 2006 to be NCOPE's public member. Her service as a public member came to a close in 2011. One of the letters of support for Marj's nomination came from the then-Chair of NCOPE who said, "Understanding the immense loss we were about to experience, we decided to "keep" her in any way we could." Marj continues to serve on the NCOPE Self-Study Review Committee and also as a site visitor. In 2011, Marj chaired the NCOPE Policies and Procedures Committee. She was "instrumental in moving the O&P technician level under the CAAHEP system with the adoption of those Standards taking place in 2007."

Once Marj rotated off as liaison to NCOPE, she went on to be liaison to the CoA for Exercise Science, where she was invaluable in assisting them to a better understanding of CAAHEP policies and procedures.



*Dr. James Atkins and Marjorie Reif
2015 CAAHEP Exceptional Service Award Recipients*

CAAHEP Standards

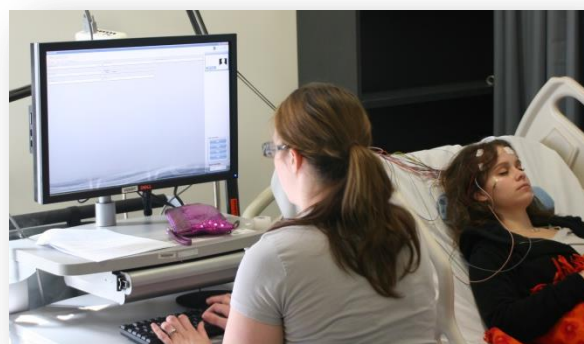
The CAAHEP Standards Committee worked with nine Committees on Accreditation as they reviewed the Standards of their professions, including Advanced Cardiovascular Sonography, Anesthesia Technology, Clinical Research Professionals, Emergency Medical Services Professions, Medical Assisting, Medical Scribe Specialist, Neurodiagnostic Technology, Recreational Therapy and Specialist in Blood Banking Technology. This work culminated in three open hearings being conducted, with the following sets of Standards approved by the CAAHEP Board in this fiscal year:

- Anesthesia Technology
- Emergency Medical Services Profession
- Medical Assisting

In July, the CAAHEP Board approved the hiring of a part-time consultant to specifically work with the Standards Committee. With so many new professions joining CAAHEP and the ongoing upkeep of the current sets of Standards, this position will be utilized to do the initial review of Standards, work with the CoAs to get the first review completed, work with the Standards Committee as the Standards move through the review process, and review the Standards Interpretation Guides that have been developed by several CoAs.

Celebrating Allied Health Professions

CAAHEP celebrated Allied Health Professions week by soliciting photos of the students and practitioners from the professions in which we accredit programs. We used the photos received to promote Allied Health Professions Week through our social media outlets and throughout our publications. Several photographs submitted are included in this Annual Report as well. Some photographs submitted will be used in the redesign of the CAAHEP website this coming year.



CAAHEP Communications and Website

CAAHEP continues its electronic distribution of all communications to our accredited programs, Committees on Accreditation and Commissioners. CAAHEP's electronic newsletters – the bi-monthly *Communiqué* newsletter and *For Commissioners Only* bulletin, along with the monthly *CoA Notes* newsletter - continue to be well-read, as is indicated by the above-average open and click through rates of electronic media in “Education and Services” type organizations.

The CAAHEP website saw an increase in visitors over last year, with 665,448 individuals visiting the site. First time visitors dominated our web visits, making up 74% of the visitors. The overall website experienced more than 1.5 million pages viewed. The CAAHEP online database of accredited program remains the most often visited section of the website, with 678,911 visits and more than 1.3 million searches for accredited programs conducted this fiscal year.

The following chart shows the number of searches conducted for accredited programs on the CAAHEP website this past fiscal year.

Profession	Total Searches
Advanced Cardiovascular Sonography	65,373
Anesthesia Technology	41,960
Anesthesiologist Assistant	68,890
Cardiovascular Technology	73,783
Clinical Research Professional	36,516
Cytotechnology	19,883
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	439,814
Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic	91,949
Exercise Physiology	14,701
Exercise Science	14,636
Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring	15,336
Kinesiotherapy	13,981
Lactation Consultant	17,192
Medical Assisting	128,462
Medical Illustrator	8,079
Medical Scribe Specialist	0
Neurodiagnostic Technology	35,092
Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician	11,006
Orthotist/Prosthetist	16,417
Perfusion	57,712
Personal Fitness Training	7,486
Polysomnographic Technology	24,281
Recreational Therapy	10,386
Specialist Blood Bank Technology/Transfusion Medicine	10,051
Surgical Assisting	73,078
Surgical Technology	83,975

The advertising campaign CAAHEP developed, which was made possible by a Google Grant, continues to perform extremely well in driving visitors to the website. The Google Grant provides CAAHEP advertising when Google searches are conducted using keywords related to the professions in which CAAHEP accredits programs. For example, if a search is conducted on Google for a Cytotechnology program, an ad for CAAHEP accreditation may appear in the right column of the Google search results. The ad is linked to the CAAHEP website, where individuals can find out more about the profession, accreditation in general, and search for an accredited program.

This fiscal year was the second full year that CAAHEP participated in the Google Grant. The number of impressions the CAAHEP ad made in Google search results was 15,339,685, which is up from 8.9 million last year. Of those impressions, nearly 200,000 individuals clicked on the ad to visit the CAAHEP website for to find more information. This is up from 89,777 individuals clicking on the ad last fiscal year. The value of the Google Grant for this fiscal year was \$198,832, an increase of over \$100,000 in value from last year.

Summary of Accreditation Actions

At the conclusion of the 2014-2015 fiscal year, CAAHEP had 2,203 accredited programs in 19 professions. Committees on Accreditation from five of the new professions continue to work on procedures in preparation for reviewing programs. The chart below shows the number of accreditation actions that were taken this year, detailed by profession and accreditation status. Please note that the newer professions Advanced Cardiovascular Sonography, Anesthesia Technology, Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring, Lactation Consultant, Medical Scribe Specialist, and Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician did not have any programs accredited last year. Also, Medical Illustrator and Personal Fitness Trainer had no actions this year. As Clinical Research Professional does not have approved Standards yet, they are not included.

Professions	Initial	Continuing	Probation	Initial Expire	Withdrawn or Withheld	Total
Advanced Cardiovascular Sonography	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anesthesia Technology	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anesthesiologist Assistant	1	2	0	0	0	3
Cardiovascular Technology	13	4	0	0	0	17
Cytotechnology	0	1	0	0	0	1
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	10	61	2	0	1	74
Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic	96	34	1	0	0	131
Exercise Physiology	2	1	0	0	0	3
Exercise Science	5	8	0	0	0	13
Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kinesiotherapy	0	1	0	0	0	1
Lactation Consultant	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical Assisting	7	120	13	0	3	143
Medical Illustration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical Scribe Specialist	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neurodiagnostic Technology	2	3	0	0	0	5
Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician	2	0	0	0	0	2
Orthotist/Prosthetist	1	6	1	0	0	8
Perfusion	0	2	0	0	0	2
Personal Fitness Trainer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Polysomnographic Technology	4	4	0	1	0	9
Recreational Therapy	2	0	0	0	0	2
Specialist Blood Bank Technology/Transfusion Medicine	0	1	0	0	0	1
Surgical Assisting	1	0	0	0	0	1
Surgical Technology	4	54	2	1	0	61
TOTAL	150	302	19	2	4	477

Voluntary Withdrawal

The total number of programs that exercised the right to voluntarily withdraw from accreditation during the 2014-2015 fiscal year increased from the previous year, as seen in the chart below. This may reflect, in part, the upheaval in the for-profit education sector with some larger companies closing down programs.

Fiscal Year	Number of Voluntary Withdrawals
2004-2005	38
2005-2006	83
2006-2007	41
2007-2008	40
2008-2009	38
2009-2010	25
2010-2011	36
2011-2012	46
2012-2013	44
2013-2014	67
2014-2015	99

The total number of programs, by profession, that exercised the right to voluntarily withdraw from accreditation in 2014-2015 is outlined as follows:

Profession	Number of Voluntary Withdrawals
Cardiovascular Technology	5
Cytotechnology	2
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	7
Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic	18
Exercise Science	1
Medical Assisting	32
Neurodiagnostic Technology	2
Polysomnographic Technology	10
Specialist in Blood Bank Technology	2
Surgical Technology	20

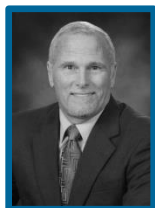
Accredited Programs by Profession

The following chart reports the number of accredited programs by each profession and sorted by accreditation status as of June 30, 2015, the end of the fiscal year.

Profession	Initial	Continuing	Probation	Inactive	Total
Advanced Cardiovascular Sonography	0	0	0	0	0
Anesthesia Technology	0	0	0	0	0
Anesthesiologist Assistant	3	7	0	0	10
Cardiovascular Technology	36	63	0	0	99
Cytotechnology	1	25	0	2	28
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	79	264	2	1	346
Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic	236	236	1	4	477
Exercise Physiology	4	5	0	0	9
Exercise Science	20	23	0	0	43
Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring	0	0	0	0	0
Kinesiotherapy	0	5	0	0	5
Lactation Consultant	0	0	0	0	0
Medical Assisting	61	522	14	4	601
Medical Illustration	0	4	0	0	4
Medical Scribe Specialist	0	0	0	0	0
Neurodiagnostic Technology	7	19	0	0	26
Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician	2	0	0	0	2
Orthotist/Prosthetist	3	10	0	0	13
Perfusionist	0	16	0	0	16
Personal Fitness Trainer	1	1	0	0	2
Polysomnographic Technology	25	21	0	0	46
Recreational Therapy	6	0	0	0	6
Specialist Blood Bank Technology/Transfusion Medicine	0	10	0	3	13
Surgical Assistant	2	6	0	0	8
Surgical Technologist	35	408	3	3	449
TOTAL	521	1,645	20	17	2,203

CAAHEP Board of Directors 2014-2015

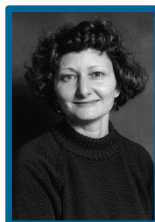
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