

IV. National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions (NAAHP)

The National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions (NAAHP) is a membership organization of health professions advisors in postsecondary institutions across the United States. NAAHP also has four regional associations: Northeastern, Central, Southeastern, and Western.

The NAAHP welcomes the membership of admissions officers in an effort to enhance the partnership and communication between the advisors and the medical schools. Information about membership in NAAHP and the Association's programs and publications may be found at www.naahp.org.

NAAHP shares information regarding allopathic, osteopathic, chiropractic, and podiatric medicine; and dentistry, nursing, optometry, pharmacy, public health, veterinary medicine, and allied health fields with their advisor members at colleges and university, who, in turn, use that information to advise their students.

The NAAHP holds a national meeting every other year, while the four regional subgroups typically meet in the alternate years to discuss regional issues. These meetings offer prehealth advisors the opportunity to interact with each other, as well as with admissions officers from various health professions schools and educational and professional associations. The NAAHP also publishes a quarterly journal, *The Advisor*, which contains articles and research reports related to health professions advising. The NAAHP also has a monthly online newsletter, NAAHP-NET, with late-breaking news and updates.

The NAAHP-sponsored listserv offers advisors a venue for sharing ideas and news quickly, and for seeking information from admissions officers at health professions schools and from association representatives. Subscribers must be prehealth advisors or admissions officers at health professions schools who have an "edu" e-mail address. Those interested in joining the NAAHP listserv should send Ms. Jerolyn Attwood, NAAHP office manager, an e-mail message with a short description of their position to naahpja@aol.com.

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