



February 21, 2007

Dear Colleagues:

The Health Professions Network (HPN) invites you to the HPN Spring Conference, "Healthcare's Human Resources," to be held in Minneapolis, MN. The Meet Minneapolis, Official Convention + Visitors Association will host the meeting, with arrival scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, April 26 and departure Sunday morning, April 29. Hotel accommodations and all meals are complimentary.

Conference presentations will include:

- ❖ The keynote presentation: "Building the Status of a Health Profession"
- ❖ "Expanding Health Career Horizons: AHEC as a National Resource"
- ❖ "Minnesota's Healthcare Education Industry Partnership (HEIP)"
- ❖ "HOSA: Stepping up to the New Generation of Healthcare Workforce Needs"
- ❖ "Using Program Accreditation as a Partner in your Success"
- ❖ A Panel Discussion: "The Issue of Degree Creep, and its Implications for Healthcare Workforce Development"

The Meet Minneapolis, Official Convention + Visitors Association has graciously arranged for special \$199 round-trip airfares to the city with Northwest Airlines and AirTran Airways. (Transportation needed from other cities not serviced by Northwest or AirTran may be available and will be coordinated on an individual basis.)

Please fill out the attached registration form and return it with your \$150 registration fee, which helps HPN offset the cost of printing, postage for mailings, and speaker reimbursement. To take advantage of the reduced air fare rate please fill out the attached air and hotel form and return **no later than Wednesday, February 28**, via fax to Pandora Rivera at (fax #) 703-708-9020 and to Dolores Bauman, Sales Accounts Manager at Meet Minneapolis (fax #) 612-767-8001. Please note that some flexibility in your travel plans may be required to secure these special arrangements and that your preferred flight times/airports may not be available due to airline restrictions on this special fare. Meet Minneapolis will not be able to accommodate transportation requests received after Wednesday, February 28.

In addition, complimentary hotel arrangements for Thursday through Saturday nights are available. Please complete the appropriate section on the attached air and hotel form. It will be the responsibility of the individual attendees to deal directly with the hotel should you wish to extend your stay through an early arrival or late departure.

Minneapolis is a unique city with outstanding cultural, recreational, and educational facilities. The city is known for excellence in the performing arts, a unique downtown district crisscrossed by a pedestrian skyway system, and beautiful lake and park areas within the city limits. Visitors find Minneapolis to be an outstanding convention destination.

We hope you will join us in Minneapolis. This is an important meeting for representatives from all allied health professional organizations, as we discuss partnering in the health care industry.

Sincerely,

Virginia Pappas, CAE
President, Health Professions Network

HPN IDENTITY STATEMENT

The Health Professions Network is a group of volunteers representing health professional associations interested in interdisciplinary communication, discussion and collaboration. Participants meet at least annually to engage in discussion of issues relating to health care and to serve as a conduit for interdisciplinary problem solving and preparation for future health care delivery. The structure of HPN includes an unlimited number of participating health professional organizations and individuals interested in an interdisciplinary perspective of health care delivery. Leadership is provided by a volunteer member Coordinating Team responsible for securing the site arrangements for the next meeting and coordinating the efforts of Discussion.