



Academic Health Department (AHD) Mentorship Program
Areas of AHD Experience or Expertise

Getting Started with AHD Partnerships

- Developing an AHD partnership
- Identifying potential partners
- Identifying AHD champions
- Selling the AHD concept
- Building leadership support for an AHD partnership
- Building relationships between practice and academia
- Transforming informal relationships into formal partnerships
- Setting parameters for partnerships
- Developing written partnership agreements
- Identifying factors that support or inhibit AHD development
- Overcoming barriers to the development of an AHD
- Exploring how an AHD can contribute to meeting health department accreditation standards
- Exploring how an AHD can contribute to meeting academic institution accreditation standards

Components of AHD Partnerships

- Classroom Teaching – Developing, Sustaining, or Expanding
- Continuing Education – Developing, Sustaining, or Expanding
- Practicum Sites – Developing, Sustaining, or Expanding
- Research – Developing, Sustaining, or Expanding
- Service Delivery – Developing, Sustaining, or Expanding

Operationalizing AHD Partnerships

- Institutionalizing an AHD
- Funding an AHD
- Sharing personnel across organizations involved in an AHD
- Sharing resources across organizations involved in an AHD
- Purchasing of services from organizations involved in an AHD
- Addressing political issues that may impact an AHD's sustainability
- Determining the role of an AHD partnership in gaining and maintaining health department accreditation
- Determining the role of an AHD partnership in gaining and maintaining academic institution accreditation
- Determining an AHD partnership's role in health reform
- Ensuring continued AHD operations

Understanding Impact/Evaluating AHD Partnerships

- Determining the value of AHD partnerships
- Measuring AHD outcomes
- Improving AHD outcomes
- Determining the impact of an AHD partnership on health department accreditation
- Determining the impact of an AHD partnership on academic institution accreditation
- Determining an AHD partnership's contributions to health reform