



Allied Health Professions Australia

Allied Health Professions Australia (AHPA) is the peak body and national voice for allied health professions. Allied health professionals are tertiary-qualified health professionals who together make up almost a third of Australia's health workforce but also have important roles in disability, aged care, social services, education and justice.

In addition to our work with our allied health members, AHPA also supports our affiliate organisations. These are associations that represent:

- Allied health professionals with expertise in a specific discipline or modality of practice
- Emerging professions which are working towards recognition based on the criteria for allied health
- Groups which are otherwise aligned with allied health

What are the benefits of being an affiliate of AHPA?

Our members are a key part of our success, and that includes our affiliates. We all benefit from our collaborative involvement and AHPA undertakes a range of activities that involve our affiliate members to ensure that they are: kept informed about AHPA activities, connected to other organisations in the allied health sector, and have access to organisational support. AHPA does not undertake advocacy on behalf of Affiliates unless the specific issue aligns with Ordinary Members and they are invited to join the advocacy issue.

BE INFORMED

- Regular member updates on issues relevant to allied health
- Updates/feedback on AHPA activities and progress
- Information available via AHPA website, member portal & social media

BE CONNECTED

- Member Collaborative Forums, policy symposiums
- Member-to-member communication and support

BE SUPPORTED

- Practical support through workshops
- Free advertising on AHPA website
- Alignment with AHPA as peak body for the sector
- Access to a work desk and meeting space in the AHPA office

Who else is a member?

When you join AHPA, you join 31 other organisations that are already contributing to the voice of allied health. These include 20 allied health professions and 11 affiliate organisations.

Ordinary members

Audiology Australia
Australasian College of Paramedic Practitioners
Australian and New Zealand College of Perfusionists
Australian Association of Social Workers
Australian Chiropractors Association
Australian Music Therapy Association
Australian New Zealand & Asian Creative Arts Therapies
Australian Orthotic Prosthetic Association
Australian Physiotherapy Association
Australian Podiatry Association
Australian Psychological Society
Australian Society of Genetic Counsellors
Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy
Exercise & Sports Science Australia
Occupational Therapy Australia
Optometry Australia
Orthoptics Australia
Osteopathy Australia
Rehabilitation Counselling Association of Australasia
Speech Pathology Australia

Affiliate members

Australasia Pacific Play Therapy Association
Australasian Lymphology Association
Australian College of Audiology
Australian Counselling Association
Australian Diabetes Educators Association
Australian Hand Therapy Association
Australian Society of Dermal Clinicians
Hearing Aid Audiology Society of Australia
Myotherapy Association Australia
Podiatric Association of Australia
Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia
Spiritual Health Association