

# Missions and Goals

The Association for Continuing Higher Education is dedicated to promoting lifelong learning and excellence in continuing higher education. As an organization of colleges, universities, and individuals, we encourage professional development, research and exchange of information for its members and continuing higher education as a means of enhancing and improving society.

The goals of the Association for Continuing Higher Education are to:

1. Emphasize the importance of lifelong learning and excellence in continuing higher education.
  - Maintain a membership of institutions and professionals who administer quality continuing higher education programs.
  - Recruit annually new higher education institutional and professional members who administer quality continuing higher education programs.
  - Take advocacy positions on relevant issues to promote the concept of lifelong learning in society at large.
  - Promote high standards and excellence in programming and services to adult learners through exemplary programs.
2. Provide for and support the personal, professional and career development of its members.
  - Provide a forum for formal presentation and discussion of issues, ideas, practices, programs and standards in continuing higher education through regional and national meetings.
  - Provide for and survey the effectiveness of informal exchange of information, ideas and expertise through regional and national meetings.
  - Maintain a mentoring network for newcomers to the Association.
3. Encourage research in the field of adult and continuing higher education.
  - Review scholarly articles to be considered for publication in the Association's Journal of Continuing Higher Education.
  - Expect the Research Committee to initiate research projects.
  - Develop and administer surveys which provide data for the strategic planning of the Association.
4. Produce publications consistent with the mission, aims and objectives of the Association.
  - Publish a refereed journal, the Journal of Continuing Higher Education, which features major articles of professional interest along with selected items of information about people and programs.
  - Publish a newsletter, Five Minutes with ACHE, which features Association news, personal items about members, brief items on new programs, regional news, job openings, personnel available and resource information.
  - Publish a Proceedings which includes summary of the discussions and papers presented at the annual meeting as well as minutes of business sessions and committee reports.
  - Publish a Directory which lists the membership of the Association by institution, state and individual member.

5. Recognize leadership and contributions to the field of continuing higher education by members and others.
  - Present awards to individuals who have made contributions to the field of continuing higher education.
  - Present awards to individuals who have taken leadership roles, both within the Association and within the field.
6. Assure the Associations' long-term viability through prudent management of its assets and careful stewardship of its resources.
  - Finance Committee will review Association finances and prepare a balanced annual budget for approval by the membership at the annual meeting.
  - The Executive Vice President will hire an external auditing firm to report on the state of the Association's finances at the end of each year.
7. Cooperate with other organizations and groups whenever possible in the achievement of the Association's goals.
  - Invite presidents or executive directors from other continuing education organizations to attend the ACHE annual meetings.
  - Initiate meetings with the leadership of other continuing education organizations to identify potential joint projects.