

# Providence St. Joseph Health Education Programs & Partnerships



Education is an essential component of Providence St. Joseph Health's (PSJH) Vision: Health for a better world. PSJH has recently deepened its investments in education, establishing a commitment to support educators and students in the communities we serve. This renewed focus on education is a continuation of the work of our founding sisters, who focused on health as well as education when they settled in the Pacific Northwest and California over 175 years ago.



## Education is a leading social determinant of health.

Disparities in education are intimately linked with health challenges, especially for poor and vulnerable populations. Studies show that access to education leads to fewer risky behaviors and better overall health outcomes. This is especially evident when we look at the return on investments in early childhood education programs, which have the greatest impact on health compared to any other social investment. We also know that communities rise above the barriers of poverty and inequity when they have access to affordable, quality education.

## The U.S. currently has critical workforce development needs in the health care field.

Workforce shortages exist across our nursing, allied clinical, provider, and administrative areas. To help mitigate this deficiency, and to fulfill and inspire caregivers to carry on the Mission, PSJH is committed to fostering caregivers' development and career advancement. Through our education programs at University of Providence, we feature a variety of curricula created in partnership with PSJH healthcare leaders, to ensure the skills learned in each course are directly applicable to the professional setting. By creating a direct and diverse talent pipeline for the health system, these programs directly support the hiring and development of the most mission-aligned and highly qualified caregivers.

## PSJH operates 12 educational ministries; our two largest are University of Providence and Providence High School



The University of Providence is a Catholic, liberal arts university operated by PSJH, featuring an innovative School of Health Professions. Health Professions programs are designed to meet the needs of healthcare leaders and for those seeking a career or advancement in healthcare. By inviting all students to engage with the liberal arts and living Catholic Intellectual Tradition, the University of Providence helps develop them as whole persons. It challenges all students to discern how they might grow in compassion to better serve their communities and become the next generation of leaders.

**Our independent, Catholic High School, Providence High School (PHS), strives to form its students into Pioneers:** young people who can think critically, ask tough questions, and seek to solve the most pressing challenges of our time. PHS combines the best of tradition and innovation, weaving together Catholic intellectual and spiritual heritage with curricula informed by research in neuroscience, adolescent psychology, and pedagogy. Also, due to their proximity to Burbank, CA - heart of one of the most creative and forward-thinking regions in the country - and the historic, lasting relationship with Providence St. Joseph Health, PHS has the ability to offer three specialized programs focused on medical sciences, cinema arts, and technology. The result is a student experience that prepares graduates for the rigors, challenges and fulfillment of a mission driven experience through college, work, and life.



PSJH operates direct education ministries and partners with innovative local and national organizations across the communities we serve.

In addition to our high school and university, we operate the following



Early Child & Family Education Centers in seven locations across six states



Laboratory Science and Radiography Technology programs



Nursing programs, clinical residencies and internships



School outreach programs



## EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

We strive to strengthen early childhood education (ECE) and K-12 investments with a focus on expanding access to quality ECE programs, increasing access to mental health services and resources, and improving career / college readiness for low income & at risk youth.

An example of our mental health focus is **#BeWell**. This is a social movement to change the conversation among youth and youth impactors and to reduce the stigma of mental illness.

“ Providence St. Joseph Health truly values education because it positively affects whole person growth and directly impacts the health of the communities we serve. Our Founding Sisters focused on education and health; by renewing our focus and investment in education, we are continuing their commitment to both the teaching and healing ministries of Jesus Christ.

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## GET INVOLVED

There are several ways to become involved with our education programs. You can make donations to directly support our students and our educational programs through our Foundation. You can engage with us at our educational ministries in your local communities, or via social media. Also, you can directly enroll in our education programs, with discounts available for Providence St. Joseph Health caregivers and dependents.