

History of the Wyoming HOSA-Future Health Professionals

The establishment of the Wyoming HOSA-Future Health Professionals grew from a recognized need to engage and support students interested in pursuing careers in the health professions. The Wyoming Center for Nursing identified an opportunity to cultivate the next generation of Health professionals by encouraging students not only to enter the field, but also to remain and work within the state of Wyoming.

In its earliest stages, HOSA-Future Health Professionals in Wyoming began with three unaffiliated chapters operating independently across the state and several schools having health career tracts. These initial chapters demonstrated both student interest and the potential impact of a unified, statewide organization.

The formal journey toward state recognition began in April 2026, when Kara Beech initiated conversations with the Wyoming Department of Education. Her efforts focused on securing recognition for HOSA-Future Health Professionals as a state-sanctioned Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO). At the same time, she began working directly with the national HOSA-Future Health Professionals organization to initiate the affiliation process.

These coordinated efforts will lead to a major milestone: in August 2026, Wyoming officially established a state HOSA-Future Health Professionals organization, transitioning from independent chapters to a unified, affiliated body. This marked the formal creation of the Wyoming HOSA-Future Health Professionals Association, providing structure, leadership opportunities, and competitive events for students statewide.

The founding of the Wyoming HOSA-Future Health Professionals Association represents a significant step in strengthening the Healthcare workforce pipeline in Wyoming, ensuring that students are supported, inspired, and connected as they pursue careers in health professions.