



# WHO WILL TEACH HEALTH EDUCATION IN 2025?

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# BACKGROUND

- School Education expansion
  - 1950 - present
- NCATE recognized Institutions
  - 44 /23 states
- Higher Education Faculty recruitment
- Education reform
  - NCLB
    - Testing
  - STEM
- Changing perception of health education in public schools



# METHODS

- Interview script development
  - Pilot tested
  - Convenience sample
  - Interviews with current/previous chairs/program directors (10-12)
- Identified 58 doctoral programs
  - AAHE
  - ESG Directory
- Data collection from Department Chair
  - Request E-mail
  - Follow-up Telephone
  - Referral to Webpage

# RESULTS

- Interview response rate – 92%
- Remaining sample referred to webpage
- 58 to 6
  - 6 institutions reported having a doctoral program with a school health education emphasis
  - Enrollment – 3 institutions had students enrolled
  - Total enrollment = 26 students
  - Employment
- None of the programs provided formalized career placement services

# DISCUSSION & IMPLICATIONS

- Who teaches health education in the schools
- Changing requirements in school health education preparation
- National Health Education Standards
- Number of positions in higher education
- What does the profession do?

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