HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2027

The AzHHA Foundation is in its fourth year of partnership with Creighton University's College of Professional and Continuing Education to provide the Healthcare Leadership Academy for rising leaders within AzHHA member hospitals.

The purpose of the Healthcare Leadership Academy is to cultivate leadership within AzHHA member hospitals such that tomorrow's C-suite is prepared to provide vision, articulate and live organizational purpose, and promote operational and clinical innovation.

Target audience

Directors, associate vice presidents, vice presidents and clinical leaders of AzHHA member hospitals who have managerial and/or budget responsibilities and aspire to higher levels of organizational leadership. The cohort will be comprised of no more than 25 participants. There is no minimum background educational attainment required, though a bachelor's degree is preferred.

Time commitment

Nine (9) months of learning beginning in March 2027 and culminating in November 2027.

In-person attendance in Phoenix is required on:

- March 11, 2027 (kick-off and orientation at the AzHHA office)
- Aug. 12, 2027 (hosted by a member hospital)
- Nov. 11, 2027 (closing session and graduation at the AzHHA office)

Four hours of synchronous virtual attendance are required on the second Thursday of April, May, June, July, September and October. There will be additional readings, assignments and self-paced learning outside of mandatory sessions.

Tuition

$9,500 per participant, which includes all course instruction and materials as well as registration for the AzHHA Foundation's 2027 Arizona Hospital Leadership Conference to occur in October in Tucson. Tuition must be paid by Jan. 29, 2027, to guarantee program participation.

Coursework

- Leadership in healthcare
- Quality
- Process improvement
- Healthcare information technology
- Cybersecurity
- Healthcare finance
- Revenue cycle
- Strategy
- Marketing and the patient experience
- Human resources in healthcare
- Health law
- Health policy
- Project management
- Healthcare informatics
- Population health

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOV. 30, 2026

Schedule

Nov. 2, 2026	Begin accepting applications for the 2027 Cohort
Nov. 30, 2026	Application for 2027 Cohort due to AzHHA Member Services
Dec. 11, 2026	Admission selection and notifications
Jan. 29, 2027	Tuition balance of $9,500 due to AzHHA
March 11, 2027	In-person kick-off, first learning session and community building at the AzHHA office in Phoenix
April 8, May 13, June 10 and July 8, 2027	Synchronous learning (four hours each day from 8-10 a.m. and 11 a.m.-1 p.m.); *required virtual attendance*
Aug. 12, 2027	In-person learning session and community building at a member hospital
Sept. 9 and Oct. 14, 2027	Synchronous learning (four hours each day from 8-10 a.m. and 11 a.m.-1 p.m.); *required virtual attendance*
Oct. 20-22, 2027	AzHHA Foundation's Arizona Hospital Leadership Conference in Tucson *(optional, but included with tuition)*
Nov. 11, 2027	Final session, in-person at the AzHHA office in Phoenix GRADUATION!

Application

Submit resume, written statement of purpose and a letter of recommendation from a senior executive or sponsoring leader within applicant's organization **AS ONE PDF** to MemberServices@azhha.org no later than 5 p.m. on Nov. 30, 2026.

Questions?

Email Laura Dickscheid, vice president of member services, at MemberServices@azhha.org.

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