



HEALWA

EVIDENCE-BASED INFORMATION FOR WASHINGTON STATE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

ANNUAL REPORT 2026

“This is a valuable partnership for our hospital!”

- MSN, APRN, NPD-BC, CEN, CPEN, TCRN, PMH-BC, Western State Hospital, Lakewood, WA

“I would like to thank you and your team for all of the great work you do supporting our clinicians across Washington state through the HEALWA library resources. Particularly in rural communities, such as the one I serve, access to scholarly literature to stay updated on the state of the science can be quite challenging. Your virtual library is a vital tool in maintaining our clinicians’ skills and knowledge to adequately care for our community.”

- MD, CMO, Ellensburg, WA

“Thank you! You’re a big help to the work we’re doing at the Washington State Hospital Association, and we really appreciate your time and support.”

- MSN, Washington State Hospital Association, Seattle, WA

“With access to tools like the Pediatric and Adult Nutrition Care Manuals and NatMedPro and CINAHL Ultimate and MEDLINE Complete databases, HEALWA is essential for certified dietitians in Washington State to stay up to date on peer-reviewed evidence and beneficial resources for patients!”

- PhD, MS, RDN, ACSM-CEP®, Spokane, WA

Greetings!

HEALWA is pleased to share our 2026 annual report, which includes the voices of healthcare professionals, builds on the launch of AI tools, and sets our program's path for the next year. HEALWA is strong and growing in community partnerships. Two new professions were added to the program — Mental Health Counselor Associates and Psychology Associates.

HEALWA added AI tools to Clinical Key, CINAHL, MEDLINE, and other databases, launched a Vaccine toolkit, and conducted outreach to health professions, with an emphasis on nurses. You will learn about our upcoming 2027 focus areas in serving over 248,000 healthcare providers in Washington state.

You won't want to miss our new Community Partners. Several hospitals, clinics, professional associations, community colleges and universities are helping to further the mission of HEALWA by providing high quality access to evidence-based information resources to Washington healthcare providers. All newly graduated dietitians received training on HEALWA. Veterinarians received training via their state professional association. Jail nurses and State Hospital employees received a HEALWA orientation. We're grateful for the partnership our newest community partners bring to transform and strengthen healthcare in Washington.

Our program allows us to share evidence-based health information resources with participating healthcare professions and align for a common purpose – to ensure rural and urban communities will thrive across the healthcare delivery system. We look forward to sharing our progress with you and invite your partnership in realizing our vision and focus areas for the health of Washington communities.



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Mission Statement

HEALWA assures affordable, anytime, online access to current, authoritative clinical information and educational resources to eligible health care practitioners in Washington State.

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“I wrote an article on moral injury. All of the articles that I used that weren’t from a government source came from HEALWA. I love it. I enjoyed writing papers in school & have missed not having access to the databases that I was used to in school. So now it allows me to find a topic & write about it. I like having all my discussions properly cited & research backed, so HEALWA provides me with this. You don’t know how much I love this!

- ARNP, Edgewood, WA

“Learning about the resources available through HEALWA has helped our team of school nurses in multiple ways. Being able to access texts and materials that help our team study for National Board certification is a greatly appreciated personal cost savings. Others have leaned into the robust professional development materials to learn more about unfamiliar health conditions that their students are facing or to have some helpful professional learning opportunities for license and certification renewal. Having a curated library to look up evidenced based care options is really helpful. It’s easy to turn to google to get maybe inaccurate information. HEALWA makes it easy to find solid information that better serves our patients and improves our practice.”

- Director, MSN, RN, NCSN, Renton, WA

“Having access to CE modules is such a valuable resource. I appreciate the variety of clinical resources and ability to use them without cost. Thank you, HEALWA!”

- BSN, RN, Happy Valley Elementary, Fairhaven Middle School, Bellingham, WA

“Thank you very much. I appreciate HEALWA so much! These days I work on research and educational projects. HEALWA has been a wonderful resource to access multidisciplinary healthcare literature. Occasionally I’m looking for something not accessible, the amazing Patricia Devine has been so helpful and responsive. I sincerely thank you all.

- PhD, Adult Nurse Practitioner, Bainbridge Island, WA

New Community Partners





"Thank you so much for taking the time to engage with the nursing faculty! They are quite excited to know more about the HEALWA resources at their fingertips!"

- Dean of Allied Health & Nursing, South Puget Sound Community College, Olympia, WA





2027 HEALWA Focus Areas

Primary Care Provider and AI Resources

Encourage the adoption of the Care Provider Toolkit and AI resources in primary care across the state of Washington.

Resources for Continuing Education

Increase awareness of continuing education and training opportunities to improve skills to address lifelong learning.

Article Delivery Service

Promote the article delivery service to healthcare providers, especially those in rural areas with limited access to resources.

Rural Hospital and Clinic Outreach

Provide training to all healthcare providers working in hospitals and clinics without access to library services.

Outreach to Federally Qualified Health Centers

Arrange training for healthcare providers caring for underserved populations.

Service to Incarcerated Populations

Provide training to healthcare providers in the Washington State Department of Correction and the King County Jail system.

HEALWA Expenditures

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

CATEGORY	DETAIL	TOTAL
Staff Salaries and Benefits		\$523,767.69
Resources		\$1,579,290.66
	Electronic Books	
	Evidence-based and reference databases	
	Full text electronic journals	
	Continuing Education	
Equipment and Supplies		\$225.09
Technology and Other Services		\$4,980.43
Marketing & Exhibits		\$10,970.12
Publicity		\$3,732.81
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$2,122,966.80

Salaries include:

- 2.7 FTE Professional & IT Staff
- 1.0 FTE Principal Investigator



“Thank you so much!! I didn’t expect such speedy results. HEALWA is such a great service.”

- **Clinical Psychologist, Seattle, WA**

“With access to trusted medical journals, and free CE education credits, HEALWA makes staying up-to-date and providing care for our students much easier.”

- **MSN, RN, Assistant Manager Health Services, Seattle Public Schools, Seattle, WA**

“VisualDx on HEALWA is a tremendous resource in my pediatric practice. I use it primarily for dermatology, especially for building a list of differential diagnoses, getting quick treatment reminders, and generating patient handouts. VisualDx has a larger collection of photos of skin of color than most other online or print resources. It’s great to click through with families to show them lots of permutations of the condition, especially when parents can say, oh, yeah, that’s what the rash looked like when it started. Most kids say VisualDx is gross but cool, and I agree.” - **ND, Intergalactic Pediatrics. Seattle, WA**

“Thank you again for all the great insight on this amazing resource. HEALWA has come in handy time and time again. Our nurses are so thankful for it.”

- **MSN, RN, School Nurse Coordinator, Educational Service District 105, Yakima, WA**

“I practice in Bellingham, WA and I use the resources provided by HEALWA for staying up to date on clinical care and research. I specifically value access to MEDLINE and Visual Dx for dermatologic conditions.”

- **ND, One Sky Family Medicine, Bellingham, WA**

Healthcare Providers in Washington State use HEALWA to:

- Develop new policies and create organizational guidelines
- Create Nursing Care Plans
- Research GLP-1 drugs, stem cell therapy, incontinence, speech language pathology
- Learn about the use of AI in healthcare
- Diagnose dermatologic skin conditions
- Investigate surgical techniques
- Read case reports
- Discover techniques in forensic psychology
- Locate screening and diagnostic tests
- Review treatment guidelines
- Perform literature reviews
- Confirm drug interactions
- Find resources for patients and families
- Interpret sonographic imagery and improve diagnostic accuracy of ultrasound images
- Understand emerging guidelines in addiction treatment
- Obtain continuing education credit
- Write peer-reviewed articles
- Enhance medical resident skills

Eligible Professions:

1. Acupuncturist / Acupuncture & Eastern Medicine Practitioner
2. Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners
3. Chiropractors
4. Dietitians
5. Licensed Practical Nurses
6. Marriage & Family Therapists
7. Marriage & Family Therapy Associates
8. Massage Therapists
9. Mental Health Counselors
10. Mental Health Counselors Associates
11. Midwives
12. Naturopathic Physicians
13. Nutritionists
14. Occupational Therapists
15. Occupational Therapy Assistants
16. Optometric Physicians
17. Osteopathic Physicians
18. Physicians
19. Physician Assistants
20. Podiatric Physicians
21. Psychological Associates
22. Psychologists
23. Registered Nurses
24. Social Workers
25. Clinical Social Work Associates
26. Speech Language Pathologists
27. Veterinarians
28. Veterinary Technicians



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