

Although allied health professions make up nearly **60% of the health care workforce**, funding to support training, faculty development, and recruitment in the allied health fields lags substantially behind funding for the physician and nursing professions.

To address this, the Florida Hospital Association recommends revising the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) program to include allied health professionals, aiming to help meet Florida’s projected workforce needs.



Allied Health Professionals Longstanding Impact

Currently, the LINE program is designed to incentivize collaboration between nursing education programs and health care partners, aiming to reduce workforce shortages and enhance the quality of educational programs.

Turnover rates among allied health professionals remain high, driving demand across all healthcare settings and underscoring the challenges of maintaining a stable workforce and investing in the future.

Turnover Rates for Allied Professions



SOURCE: FHA’s Allied Health Vacancy and Turnover Survey, Oct. 2025

As demand for quality healthcare continues to grow, it is vital that the state invest in the next influx of skilled nurses, medical technicians, mental health counselors, and other allied health specialists who can help fill the healthcare gaps throughout the state.

To ensure optimal outcomes, we urge state leaders to support and expand the LINE program, enabling more students and communities to benefit from these investments. By building on the monumental program, this will combat the projected shortage of allied health professionals to support the care needs of our elderly, children, and individuals with complex care needs.

FHA recommends additional funding to expand the LINE program to help meet Florida’s growing demand for well-trained allied health professionals.