



Welcome to Nebraska HOSA!

We are excited that you and your school are committed to improving students' educational experiences by formally affiliating with HOSA! Below you will find a guide to beginning your HOSA chapter.

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Nebraska HOSA is eager to begin working with your students to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health education students!



What is HOSA?

- A national career and technical student organization of over 120,000 members
- Endorsed by the United States Department of Education, the ACTE Division of Health Science Education and Nebraska Department of Education
- An intra-curricular organization to integrate into Health Science Education (It's not a club!)
- An organization focused on developing the whole student
- Focused on training students beyond the technical skills required for entry level positions in the health field
- Building people-oriented students who are capable leaders in their field
- HOSA's Mission Statement
To enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health science technology education students, therefore helping student to meet the needs of the health care community.



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Steps to Complete Affiliation:

Follow the steps below to complete affiliation – if you have any questions please contact Kori Jensen.

1. Email Kori Jensen, kori.jensen@nebraksa.gov, to receive your national charter number and password.
2. Log on to www.hosa.org. All chapters affiliate on-line.
3. Click on the Chapter Affiliation tab on the left side of the web page.
4. Click on the link, “Click Here to proceed to Chapter Affiliation” at the bottom of the web page.
5. Enter your national charter number and password, provided to you in the phone call to the National Headquarters.
6. In the main menu, click on the first link to retrieve instructions for online affiliation.



Chapter Advisor Responsibilities

Serving as a Nebraska HOSA Advisor can be an exciting and rewarding opportunity. HOSA members are motivated young people preparing for a career in the health care industry. As an advisor you are able to mentor these young people differently than a typical classroom teacher. Although HOSA is a student led organization, Nebraska HOSA Advisors play a variety of roles which include the following.

- Affiliate members using the online HOSA system
- Mentor Chapter Officers as leaders of chapter activities
- Help facilitate regular chapter meetings (can be weekly, monthly, or whatever works best for your group)
- Provide guidance for chapter activities and service projects
- Help members prepare for competitive events by coaching competitive event participants or help find a professional to coach
- Attend HOSA events and activities with HOSA members
- Participate in professional development during state and national HOSA activities
- Mentor HOSA members as they prepare for careers in the health care industry



Promoting HOSA in Your School and Community

“Selling” HOSA to a community and school is an easy message to portray. We’re preparing students for their careers and exposing them to career opportunities. We can’t provide a greater service to our students than to prepare them as productive citizens. And all it takes is a group of interested students and an adult willing to invest in their futures by agreeing to sponsor the organization.





Now the Fun Part!

After your affiliation process is complete, there are a couple of key steps to complete. Kori is more than willing to walk through these processes with you.

1. Select an officer team to lead the local chapter organization.
2. Establish a local set of bylaws and a constitution (which will also include your process for selecting officers.) Follow the link provided [here](#) to find more information regarding establishing the constitution and bylaws.
3. Develop a few activities to spread the word and boost interest. Each chapter may find it helpful to have two main fundraisers for the year and we encourage HOSA chapters to be involved in community service activities as frequently as possible. Invite the state officers to your events too. They'd love to meet your students.
4. Click on the "Advisor Services" tab on the HOSA web site. You'll find a plethora of great resources to help get you started.
5. Ask lots of questions! We're growing in Nebraska, and that means that we're all learning together, and no question is off-limits.
6. Read the emails from Kori. She will update you frequently about the state-level opportunities for your students.