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## **CLARION UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCE EDUCATION CENTER ACHIEVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION STATUS**

MILWAUKEE, WI - Clarion University Health Science Education Center located in Clarion, Pennsylvania achieved accreditation status by the National Association of Health Education Centers, located in Milwaukee, WI.

The announcement, made at a national health education conference in Cincinnati, comes in the wake of national media attention to the key role played by credible health education in injury and illness prevention. Executive Director, Nancyann Falvo, PhD and Clarion staff were present to accept the award.

National Association of Health Education Center accreditation brings national recognition to a health education program for its commitment to excellence, accountability, high professional standards, and continued institutional improvement. The NAHEC Accreditation Program serves as the field's primary vehicle for quality assurance, self-regulation, and public accountability. Developed and sustained by health education professionals, the program reflects, reinforces, and promotes best practices, institutional ethics, and the highest standards of health education program operations.

The Accreditation process, which includes an extensive self-study and peer review process, ensures that accredited members are credible and accountable in their educational programming and delivery. The process certifies that both institutions have undergone a rigorous process of self-assessment as well as review by its peers and they fulfill their obligations to the public as set forth in their individual missions.

For more information about NAHEC or its Accreditation Program, visit [www.nahec.org](http://www.nahec.org).

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### About the National Association of Health Education Centers (NAHEC)

Established in 1989, the National Association of Health Education Centers (NAHEC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and promoting a national network of organizations that provide health education programs. Through this network, over 3.7 million children and adults receive health education that empowers them to actively participate in creating healthier communities.

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### About Clarion University Health Science Education Center

Clarion University Health Science Education Center (HSEC) was established in May of 2002 under the direction of Dr. Nancy Falvo and Clarion University of Pennsylvania. The staff of the HSEC is comprised of individuals from various educational backgrounds who strive to help our communities make healthy lifestyle choices. The staff serves various communities within our geographical area as well as throughout the state.

For more information about the Clarion University Health Science Education Center, please visit [www.clarionhsec.com](http://www.clarionhsec.com).

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