

IAHPEDS Engagement with UNESCO Chair Global Health and Education

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In 2020, the International Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Dance and Sport (IAHPEDS) and the UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education joined as collaborating organizations to create conditions for children and young people to take charge of their lives: as individuals, as members of their community and as global citizens for all matters related to health. The five UNESCO Chair objectives are to:

- Create a global community;
- Renew the framework of health promotion, health education and prevention;
- Produce knowledge
- Support the implementation of training and educational systems; and
- Share knowledge.

By joining the UNESCO Chair community, IAHPEDS aims to work collaboratively to advance international research, learning, practices and standards among researchers, practitioners and students related to the Alliance's disciplines - to motivate individuals to adopt healthy, physically active lifestyles. This can be done through:

- Encouraging professionals to plan and implement developmentally appropriate learning experiences that address students' affective, cognitive, and psychomotor domains necessary to become physically literate and to adopt and sustain healthy levels of fitness and physical activity;
- Providing scholars, practitioners and students with opportunities to exchange ideas and best practices related to school health, physical education, dance and sport worldwide;
- Supporting and providing outlets for sharing research related to health, physical education pedagogy, dance and sport sciences; and
- Providing members access to leadership opportunities, professional development and service related to health and physical activity.

These groups will work with other organizations to create an environment where children and youth can feel safe and be healthy as they learn and grow in a complex world.