



HEAL Coalition ALERT: Commission on the Future of Higher Education Supports Distance Education and For-Profit Institutions of Higher Education

“We want postsecondary institutions to adapt to a world altered by technology, changing demographics, and globalization, in which the higher-education landscape includes new providers and new paradigms, from for-profit universities to distance learning.”

The quote above is one of the stated “goals” offered by the Commission on the Future of Higher Education in its most recent draft report to Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings and Congress.

The 19-member panel examining access, affordability, quality, and accountability in higher education discusses the need for institutions of higher education and the workforce to embrace the use of technology and distance learning, and also encourages institutions to promote access to allied health related occupations:

“The U.S. must respond with public policies which encourage and channel capable students from diverse populations into the health care pipeline to become doctors, nurses, dentists, public health officers and related health professionals...”

The Commission’s final report is due to be presented to Secretary Spellings and Congress in mid-September.

Congress must be reminded of the quality education and training private career colleges and schools provide to a large and growing segment of the allied health professions workforce. We must ensure that legislation impacting allied health is being developed with our interests, and those of the professionals we educate, in mind. Join the HEAL Coalition now, and through effective advocacy we can make a difference!

If you are interested in joining us, or would like more information regarding the HEAL Coalition, contact Executive Director Tom Netting at (202) 626-8553.