

# REGIONAL PROGRAM ADVISORY MEETING

<b>Date and Time</b>	February 22, 2023 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
<b>Occupation Focus</b>	<b>Healthcare</b>
<b>Location</b>	Zoom Meeting
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## Key Takeaways

1. Increase in application-based skills
  - a. Industry partners state students need to improve their application skills to enhance their skills gained through theory.
  - b. Students need more hands-on experiences to be better prepared for the workforce. Real world experiences helps students think outside of the box, explore problems and tools they'll encounter throughout their career and develop well thought out strategies.
2. Further Collaboration
  - a. Higher education needs to continuously collaborate with industry partners to ensure education has the most up to date industry insight.
  - b. Workforce Investment Boards also have access to grants which can fund apprenticeship programs and workforce training programs in collaboration with industry and education.
3. Wages
  - a. Industry must ensure they offer sustainable wages to attract talent.
  - b. Example given was pay rate for positions such as Medical Assistants or Pharmacy Techs is similar to pay rate at fast food restaurants or retail locations.
4. Professional & Soft Skills
  - a. Students need to be equipped with professional and soft skills including critical thinking, decision making, and conflict resolution.