



# Achieving a Healthy Illinois by Eliminating Health Disparities

2023 Illinois Minority Health Conference  
December 4-5, 2023 | Bone Student Center, Normal, IL

## Attendee Information

On behalf of the Illinois Department of Public Health's Center for Minority Health Services, we would like to invite you to register for the 2023 Minority Health Conference: Achieving a Healthy Illinois by Eliminating Health Disparities on December 4-5, 2023. Pre-conference workshops will take place at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. All conference sessions will take place at Illinois State University at the Bone Student Center. Plenary sessions will also be live streamed on a virtual platform.

### Target Audience

This conference will address a variety of topics on advancing the health and well-being of minority and underserved populations in Illinois. The target audience includes public health personnel and staff, college and university students, public and private sector health professionals, nurses, health educators, licensed social workers/licensed clinical social workers, professional counselors/licensed clinical counselors, dietitians, peer educators/health navigators, and community & faith-based organizations.

#### The Minority Health Conference is designed to:

1. Improve knowledge on health disparities and social justice issues and how they affect health outcomes.
2. Build competencies among healthcare professionals and develop collaboration with other service providers and community partners in serving minorities and other disadvantaged communities in Illinois.
3. Improve the health and well-being of Illinois' racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and culturally linguistically appropriate programs that will eliminate health disparities.
4. Build on community engagement and collaboration and to work with these communities to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services through scientific and evidence-based best practices.

### Conference Tracks

1. Evaluation, Research, and Data Reporting
2. Innovated and Evidence-based Approaches to Addressing Health Equity
3. Building Unprecedented Partnerships and Collaborations
4. Understanding Disparities in Healthcare Accessibility

### Continuing Education

Will be jointly provided by Illinois Department of Public Health and Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

- **Registered Nurses / Social Workers / Counselors / Dietitians:** SIU School of Medicine is preapproved as a continuing nursing education provider pursuant to Section 1300.130, subsection c), 1), B) and P) of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Nurse Practice Act. Nurses may receive a maximum of 9.75 contact hours for completing this activity. (Preconference workshop = 3 hours; Conference = 6.75 hours)

SIU School of Medicine is a licensed provider for continuing education for social workers (license #159-000106), professional counselors/clinical counselors (license #197-000073), and dietitians/nutrition counselors (license #199.000121). This program offers a maximum of 9.75 CE hours. (Preconference workshop = 3 hours; Conference = 6.75 hours)

- **Universal:** All other attendees will receive a Certificate of Attendance..

### 2023 Tentative Schedule

**View Now!** A more detailed schedule will be posted by early November. A final schedule will be posted by **November 20, 2023**.

### Attendee Registration

The registration deadline is **November 26, 2023**, Central Standard Time (CST), or when full capacity is reached. Registration will close once we reach our full capacity. No shared registrations are allowed.

### Registration Fees

Pre-Conference ONLY <i>Priority will be given to those attending the full conference</i>	\$100
Registered Conference Attendee <i>Full Time Student</i>	\$25
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Conference Only	
Conference Attendee (Early) <i>Ends October 27, 2023</i>	\$100
Conference Attendee (Regular) <i>October 28 – November 20, 2023</i>	\$125
Conference Attendee (Late) <i>November 21 – November 26, 2023</i>	\$150
Conference Attendee (Full Time Student)	\$25
Virtual Keynote Sessions Only	\$50

### Attendee Timeline

- **October 27:** Early Registration ends
- **November 20:** Regular Registration ends
- **November 26:** Last day to cancel for a full refund less \$15 processing fee
- **November 26:** Conference Registration ends

### Cancellation Policy

A full refund, less a \$15.00 processing fee, will be provided for any cancellation requests received prior to **November 26, 2023 at 8:00 am CST**. No refunds will be provided after 8:00 am CST on November 26, 2023. Substitutions will not be allowed after this date. All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing via email to Lucy at [Immork1@ilstu.edu](mailto:Immork1@ilstu.edu).

### Location

- **Pre-Conference (December 3):** All pre-conference events will take place at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. If you register for the pre-conference, you will receive more information about the location of the sessions closer to the event.
- **Conference (December 4-5):** In-person plenary and breakout sessions will take place at ISU in the Bone Student Center.
- **Online:** Online attendees will have the option to view the plenary session virtually via Zoom. Online attendees will receive links to the plenary sessions one week prior to the start of the event.

### Lodging

Please see the [conference website](#) for more information.

### Questions

- **Conference Website:** Visit the [conference website](#) often for the most up-to-date information.
- **Registration:** Email Lucy at [Immork1@ilstu.edu](mailto:Immork1@ilstu.edu).
- **General & Online Platform:** Email Perry at [pharlow@ilstu.edu](mailto:pharlow@ilstu.edu).
- **Schedule:** Email Amber at [amber.lear@illinois.gov](mailto:amber.lear@illinois.gov).