

2016-2017 PHCNPG Student Survey Results

Q1: How many years have you been a member of PHCNPG?

• Answered: 32

Answer Choices	Responses
– I am a new member.	62.50% 20
– 1 year	21.88% 7
– 2 years	12.50% 4
– 3+ years	3.13% 1
Total	32

Q2: How did you hear about PHCNPG? Please select all that apply.

• Answered: 32

Answer Choices	Responses
– Internet Search	3.13% 1
– Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Brochure	15.63% 5
– Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Website	56.25% 18
– Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Registration	25.00% 8
– Fellow Student/Colleague	9.38% 3
– Professor	25.00% 8
– Nutrition/Dietetics Professional	9.38% 3
– FNCE®	6.25% 2
– Responses Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 32	

Q3: What is your current educational status?

• Answered: 32

Answer Choices	Responses
– College Freshman	0.00% 0
– College Sophomore	0.00% 0
– College Junior	6.25% 2
– College Senior	18.75% 6
– College Graduate	12.50% 4
– Master's Degree Student (MA, MS, MPH, MCN, MBA, etc.)	25.00% 8
– Doctoral Student (PhD, D.Sc, Ed.D., etc.)	3.13% 1
– Dietetic Intern	12.50% 4
– Concurrent Dietetic Intern/Master's Degree Student	21.88% 7
Total	32

Q4: Please rank your reasons for joining PHCNPG, with 1 being the most important reason and 8 being the least important reason.

• Answered: 32

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Score
Leadership Skill Building	0.00% 0	10.34% 3	17.24% 5	13.79% 4	17.24% 5	17.24% 5	13.79% 4	10.34% 3	29	4.03
Networking Opportunities	9.68% 3	9.68% 3	32.26% 10	9.68% 3	9.68% 3	6.45% 2	16.13% 5	6.45% 2	31	4.84
Public Health/Community Information/Current Events	56.67% 17	16.67% 5	6.67% 2	6.67% 2	10.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.33% 1	30	6.87
Professional Skill Building (i.e. Webinars/Training opportunities)	12.90% 4	19.35% 6	3.23% 1	29.03% 9	9.68% 3	12.90% 4	3.23% 1	9.68% 3	31	4.97
Job Opportunities	3.33% 1	6.67% 2	6.67% 2	13.33% 4	26.67% 8	16.67% 5	16.67% 5	10.00% 3	30	3.80
Volunteer Opportunities	10.00% 3	6.67% 2	10.00% 3	13.33% 4	10.00% 3	20.00% 6	23.33% 7	6.67% 2	30	4.07
Mentorship Opportunities	3.23% 1	16.13% 5	9.68% 3	12.90% 4	6.45% 2	16.13% 5	12.90% 4	22.58% 7	31	3.84
Scholarship or Funding Opportunities (i.e. Stipends to Attend FNCE®, Travel Scholarships, Student Award Opportunities)	6.67% 2	16.67% 5	10.00% 3	0.00% 0	10.00% 3	10.00% 3	16.67% 5	30.00% 9	30	3.63

Q5: Based on your experience with PHCNPG, how would you rate your satisfaction in each of the following areas?

	Not Satisfied (1)	Somewhat Dissatisfied (2)	Neutral (3)	Somewhat Satisfied (4)	Very Satisfied (5)	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Leadership Skill Building	0.00% 0	3.33% 1	46.67% 14	20.00% 6	3.33% 1	26.67% 8	30	3.32
Networking Opportunities	3.33% 1	6.67% 2	30.00% 9	30.00% 9	13.33% 4	16.67% 5	30	3.52
Public Health/Community Nutrition Information/Current Events	3.23% 1	0.00% 0	16.13% 5	32.26% 10	41.94% 13	6.45% 2	31	4.17
Professional Skill Building (i.e. Webinars/Training Opportunities)	3.45% 1	6.90% 2	27.59% 8	24.14% 7	13.79% 4	24.14% 7	29	3.50
Job Opportunities	0.00% 0	16.67% 5	43.33% 13	6.67% 2	3.33% 1	30.00% 9	30	2.95
Volunteer Opportunities	3.23% 1	12.90% 4	35.48% 11	9.68% 3	12.90% 4	25.81% 8	31	3.22
Scholarship or Funding Opportunities (i.e. Stipends to Attend FNCE®, Travel Scholarships, Student Award Opportunities)	0.00% 0	10.00% 3	40.00% 12	20.00% 6	3.33% 1	26.67% 8	30	3.23
PHCNPG Website Content	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	45.16% 14	35.48% 11	16.13% 5	3.23% 1	31	3.70
Social Media Communications	0.00% 0	6.67% 2	36.67% 11	40.00% 12	10.00% 3	6.67% 2	30	3.57
Relevant Information and Opportunities for Career Paths	0.00% 0	20.69% 6	31.03% 9	34.48% 10	6.90% 2	6.90% 2	29	3.30

Q6: How could PHCNPG improve your student experience in any of the above areas?

- I would love to see local volunteer opportunities.
- It would be great if I could learn more about public health nutrition opportunities and events in my area
- As a student, many of the webinars are scheduled at times that do not work with my schedule. Having some webinars after 5pm would make a huge difference.
- Being a new member i have not had much experience with the above areas
- I'm so new to this I haven't had a proper chance to really look through all the website has to offer yet.
- Posting more job opportunities and suggestions for how to connect with public health professionals, more direct links to funding opportunities
- send a welcome email at least with a guide to PHCNPG website & resources, scholarship opportunities
- more info on volunteer opportunities
- I haven't had a chance to take advantage of opportunities yet as much as I had hoped. I intend to in the upcoming months.
- I stopped by during FNCE to see how I could be more involved and there really wasn't any specific answer on how to be more involved in my area or state. It was more just about trying to be on a student board. I would love to know of the volunteer opportunities for the group.
- Make job opportunities more robust; improve social media communications (i.e. making events for webinars, etc.) to boost awareness of different events and key news items on Facebook
- I would suggest more information on students building their paths in the dietetic field. One resource I feel that this field lacks is information on how to excel in this career as far as experience goes, it's something I've had to figure out on my own and I feel that is an important resource that mentors should offer. Also, making the practice group more engaging. Although a lot of people despise commitment, having certain suggestions or requirements to be a member would involve being more interactive. For example, suggesting each student contact at least two other members by the end of the second month of the new membership year! Tasks to get people more connected outside of their comfort zones.
- Need to investigate this more- sorry!
- I would like more information about various career paths in community nutrition
- I think regarding job opportunities, it isn't apparent where to find those job opportunities, so making them readily available would be helpful
- Possibly involving students from other health care fields such as medical students and nursing students. This way we will get use to working together in the real work place.
- Continue to add more job opportunities

Q7: The Student Digest is a newsletter specifically for PHCNPG student members. What topics would you be interested in reading about in the Student Digest?

- I would love to see an article on how to get a job in public health/community nutrition.
- Student opportunities, current events, potential job descriptions

- Public Policy
- Volunteer opportunities, public health focused DIs
- Food and Nutrition policy and ways to work in governments and make effective policies
- How to build my career – but I've also never seen The Student Digest, I didn't know it existed but sounds great
- Information regarding other students and how they are volunteering and preparing for the field.
- Jobs for entry level RDs, volunteer opportunities, interviews with RDs holding jobs that might be outside of the box, relevant news/current events and opinion pieces
- RD exam sample test questions and/or tips for conducting nutritional assessments for the first time
- Dietetic Intern experiences, student research, recipes, social media techniques
- Career paths of PHN RD's
- Ways to volunteer. Ways to incorporate public health initiatives in your community. Success stories of other young public health advocates.
- Continue interviews with RD's and the Hot Topic section
- Microbiology of the gut. Good microbiome of the GI. Mechanical soft VS GI soft diets in the clinical setting, how to set them apart.
- Non-traditional pathway and/or voices to RD status
- Consider including interviews of Community nutrition RDs in different job functions in the field
- Profiling of professionals in the field, tips on job searching, new research summarized, how to incorporate aspects of public health into dietetic internships that do not have that focus
- ed program highlights, member job highlights/average days, potential scholarships, ways to get involved, networking, events

Q8: What social media platform(s) do you use most often? Please select all that apply.

• Answered: 31

Answer Choices	Responses
Facebook	83.87% 26
Twitter	6.45% 2
Instagram	64.52% 20
LinkedIn	38.71% 12

Total Respondents: 31

Q9: Are you more likely to open email from PHCNPG or check the Facebook Page

• Answered: 32

Answer Choices	Responses
– Email	78.13% 25
– Facebook Page	21.88% 7
Total	32

Q10: Please share comments/suggestions you may have about Student Membership.

- Really love that there is a mentorship program involved with this group. I would really love as much webinars and trainings on policy making and how to get involved with that.
- Having quick, small bits of information send on the Facebook page. Sometimes I am so busy with school and work that I do not have a lot of time to read through all the e-mails.
- It would be cool to have regional PHCNPG meetups for networking
- A forum or ability for students to find professional members in their community who may be interested in student volunteers or open to working with students in some way either regularly or for special events they have.
- I stopped by during FNCE to see how I could be more involved and there really wasn't any specific answer on how to be more involved in my area or state. It was more just about trying to be on a student board. I would love to know of the volunteer opportunities for the group.
- PCHNPG is doing a great job, I'm excited to be a new member and I'm looking forward to tapping into all of the resources.
- Am enjoying being part of the mentorship program. Appreciate the informal but informative conversations about DICAS and other subjects
- just joined, don't know much yet!