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#### Welcome to your new journal.

At last, a long awaited dream--The Journal of **Health** Occupations Education, an official publication of the Health Occupations Education Division of the American Vocational Association, has become a reality. As many of you are aware, the Journal is a result **of** the efforts **of** many individuals for a number of years.

The Journal was developed to facilitate communication among members **of** the profession across the nation on current research, method, and findings in the field, on current problem trends and issues in health **care**, and on new books which have an impact on health occupations education. Contributed manuscripts are considered for publication in the categories of research, and non-research informative articles. In addition, book reviews may be submitted which are of general or specific interest to **the** readers of the Journal. The manuscripts and book reviews will be reviewed confidentially by the editorial board.

Included in this first issue of the Journal is information on the relationship **of** the United States Department of Education, Health Occupations Program Specialist to health occupations education programs throughout the nation; the Association of **Health** Occupations Teacher Educators, and the National Association of State Administrators of Health Occupations Education. These articles will assist the readers to have a better understanding of different aspects of health occupations education. Researchers **will** find data-based materials. In addition, information concerning a new health career on the horizon and book reviews of general and specific interest are included.

The next issue will include information on the HOE division and the National Association **of** Health Occupations Teachers. The format of the Journal is designed to encourage the publication of a variety of material. During **the** coming months, some of you may have comments, criticisms, and suggestions for improving our Journal, if so, we welcome your ideas. Your continuing participation is essential for the future success **of** the Journal. We need authors from **all** disciplines in health care and work sites served by the Journal. We need quality manuscripts in both categories. **We** need current book reviews to keep health occupations education personnel abreast **of** new content and/or techniques and procedures which will assist them in being aware of and making decisions in selecting texts. Most importantly, we need the support of an active readership for our Journal.

A few **moments** of your time to offer a suggestion or idea could make a difference in improvement of the Journal. Also, we invite you to take the plunge and begin writing. We cannot promise that every suggestion will be implemented, that every complaint will be satisfied completely, or that every manuscript **will** be published, but we can guarantee that the editorial staff will respond to you in good faith.

One day we envision our readers to **say**--"I look forward for my Journal to arrive; it is **the** major link to my profession."

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