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| Part I: Career Path Goals: | | | |
| GOAL 1) To make sure that I practice professional nursing according to my core values of integrity, community, and personal development. | | | |
| GOAL 2) To foster nursing management skills according to the principles of ANA and Saint Leo University | | | |
| GOAL 3) To ensure professional and personal development through continued training and membership in professional bodies | | | |
| GOAL 4) To work in an organization that allows me to enhance my knowledge and professional skills and to implement them into my nursing practice | | | |
| GOAL 5) To improve my leadership and supervisory skills by partaking in management, planning, control, and finance-related decision making. | | | |
| Part II: Professional Association Information | | | |
| Name of Professional Association | 1) Association of Registered Healthcare Professionals (ARHCP) | 2) Association of Healthcare Auditors and Educators (AHCAE) | 3) American Healthcare Association AHCA |
| Type of Organization | Professional certification provider  (“ARHCP,” n.d.) | Membership organization  (“AHCAE,” n.d.) | Non-profit federation of affiliated state health facilities |
| Reach (national, state, local) | National | National | National (“About AHCA,” n.d.) |
| Number of Members |  |  | 13,500 facilities (“AHCA Membership,” n.d.) |
| Services Provided | Continuing education for physicians, coders, students, and nursing managers | Healthcare auditing and quality certification, develop auditing standards in healthcare compliance & regulations | Works with Federal government and congress to raise voice for long-term care services |
| Continuing Education Offered | Multi-media lectures, webinars, and online courses with 12 pre-approved CEUs | On-site training, webinars, 2-day educational sessions | Educational Webinars |
| Personal Development Opportunities | Develops leadership and managerial skills in healthcare through improving knowledge | Personal training of auditors to achieve industry best practices, networking, audit round tables, | Learning opportunities through webinars |
| Professional Resources Made Available | ACMPE guide for Medical Practice Management | On-site training, webinars, audios | No certification |
| Certifications Offered | RMC, RMM, RMA, RMB, REMS | CHCA, CHCAF, CHCAS | Networking opportunities, professional growth, and educational development |
| Other Benefits | Access to Knowledge center including articles, Medical Journals and Books, Scholarships. | Tailored on-site training to companies, AHCAE Ejournal Quarterly periodical, updates on educational tools/resources | Networking opportunities, professional growth, and educational development |
| Membership Fee (Student, Professional) | Annual membership fee healthcare professionals $285 | Annual membership $175 | $2,950 per year for commercial firms, suppliers, associations, Yearly fee for international hospitals is US $500. Yearly charges for Associate Advantage Membership charges are $10,000 |

Explain why you made these three choices. (1-2 paragraphs)

Association of Registered Healthcare Professionals facilitates its members and assists them to excel in their careers. This association is reputed as one of the most respected credentialing organization. The Association of Health Care Auditors and Educators enable their members to conform within the health care regulatory ground. Furthermore, they allow their members to attain the best auditing practices in the industry. The intent to choose American Healthcare Association stems from the range of benefits they offer to their members. Besides the aim of association also plays a significant role in this regard.

Explain if one of these organizations is a right fit to meet your career objectives and why. (1-2 paragraphs)

The Association of Registered Healthcare Professionals is a perfect fit to meet my career goals and objectives. Certified members of this association demonstrate excellent professional knowledge which ensures professional development through training by this professional body of registered healthcare professionals. Besides, the organization is aimed at enhancing the professional skills of its members alongside providing them with a platform for practical implication.

Explain how affiliation with your chosen association(s) could demonstrate the Saint Leo University core values of Personal Development and Community. (1-2 paragraphs)

All three organizations selected for the purpose of affiliation align with the core values of community and personal development. As mentioned earlier, the goals and mission of every association spin around the career development of its members coupled with the long-term goal of providing quality care to the community. Each one of those making a significant contribution to its member’s professional development and provides them a platform to excel.

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