COHS Friday Forum Presenter – June 6th, 2025

**Topic: Bridging Academics with the Real World**

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**Brief Bio**

Ms. Sampath has been teaching with DeVry and Keller since 2004. She began her teaching career with the newly developed HIT program and then taught for the bachelor and master programs in Health Services and Public Health. She enjoys working with students at all levels of higher education.

She has a master's in health services administration, a bachelor's in business administration, and the Executive Management Certificate in Managed Care.  In addition, Ms. Sampath has AAPC CPPM and CPB certifications.  She has worked in the healthcare and IT Industry for over 20 years.  Her experience lies in the operational areas of health plan management, provider relations, claims billing, and cost containment. Recently, she became the Faculty Advisor for the AUPHA Upsilon Phi Delta Chapter.

Ms. Sampath has a practice management company that primarily works with medical offices. She is also on the Board of a non-profit company called JV Outreach which provides Latin dance classes to the Fulton County school system in Georgia. We are mainly in the Roswell/Alpharetta area but hope to expand.

She resides in Atlanta, Georgia with her family and in her spare time, promotes Latin dance and cultural events including teaching dance at local events.

**Learning Objectives**

1. **Understanding the Essence of Working in the Healthcare Industry:** To educate students on how they can make a difference in the health care industry.

2. **Building the gap between theory and real life:** To assist students in recognizing how their program relates to key real world functional areas including collaborative team building in the work environment.

3.**Developing an AI mindset:** To help students develop the basic skills needed to embrace AI that will continue to grow in the healthcare industry.

These objectives aim to ensure that healthcare students understand how to relate their formal education with real life professional responsibilities, ultimately leading to well-rounded educated professional.