

Deborah J. Bowen

Deborah J. Bowen, FACHE, CAE, is president and CEO of the American College of Healthcare Executives, an international professional society of more than 40,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. With comprehensive programs in credentialing, education, career counseling, publications and research, ACHE works toward its goal of being the preeminent professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving health. Before her appointment as president and CEO, Ms. Bowen served as ACHE's executive vice president and COO since 2003.

Outside her service to ACHE, from 2000 to 2003 Ms. Bowen served as deputy executive director at the Society of Actuaries in Schaumburg, Ill. She served as director of the division of communications from 1987 to 1992 and deputy director in the division of public affairs from 1986 to 1987 at the State Medical Society of Wisconsin in Madison. Her nonprofit healthcare experience also includes posts at the Medical College of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services, Bureau of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.

Ms. Bowen currently serves on the board of the Institute for Diversity in Health Management. She is also a member of the International Hospital Federation Governing Council, as well as the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Board of Overseers. Additionally, Ms. Bowen has held several leadership positions including chairing the boards of the Association Forum of Chicagoland and the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education.

Since becoming president and CEO in 2013, Ms. Bowen has been recognized by Modern Healthcare as one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare and one of the Top 25 Women in Healthcare.

Ms. Bowen is board certified in healthcare management and a Fellow of both ACHE and the American Society of Association Executives. She is also a Baldrige Executive Fellow and a Certified Association Executive

Ms. Bowen received a master's degree in business administration from Loyola University Chicago and a master's degree in science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Illinois State University, Normal, and completed the Executive Program in Healthcare Management at the Ohio State University.