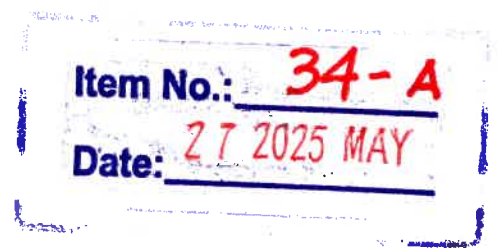




May 22, 2025



HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
Vice Governor
Province of Leyte

Dear Honorable Vice Governor:

Warm greetings!

Respectfully endorsing to your good office, the following draft ordinances and to request that these be included in our agenda:

- AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LEYTE HEALTH ACADEMY, DEFININING ITS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS NEEDED THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
- AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE LEYTE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION, CONTROL, RISK REDUCTION, AND MANAGEMENT OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STI), HUMAN IMMUNODEFFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV), AND ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Thank you very much and Best Regards!

Very Truly Yours,


HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN
Chairperson, Committee On Health

Cc: Atty. Carlo P. Loreto, Floor Leader

**PROVINCE OF LEYTE
SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

ORDINANCE NO. ___, SERIES OF 2025

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LEYTE HEALTH ACADEMY (LHA), DEFINING ITS
FUNCTIONS, OBJECTIVES, AND FUNDING SOURCES, AND PROVIDING FOR ITS
IMPLEMENTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY**

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the state shall protect, and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all;

WHEREAS, education is accorded with paramount importance towards the development of the human resource of the province in particular, and the country at large;

WHEREAS, the Province of Leyte recognizes the growing demand for a skilled and certified healthcare workforce to address the increasing complexity of health issues within the province;

WHEREAS, the Province of Leyte also recognizes the critical need for a well-trained and certified healthcare workforce to address the complex health challenges faced by its communities;

WHEREAS, the Leyte Health Academy (LHA) is envisioned as a premier institution for healthcare education, vocational training, capacity development, and health research, aiming to enhance health services and public health outcomes, with the primary goal of enhancing the capacity and competencies of health workers across Leyte;

WHEREAS, the establishment of LHA is aligned with the policies and priorities of the Department of Health (DOH), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and other national agencies focused on building the competencies of health workers;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of [Author], duly seconded, be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte in session assembled:

Section 1. Title - This Ordinance shall be known as the "**LEYTE HEALTH ACADEMY ORDINANCE**"

Section 2. Declaration of Policy

It is the policy of the Province of Leyte to:

1. Enhance the knowledge and skills of health workers through comprehensive training programs;
2. Promote health equity by capacitating healthcare providers to serve underserved and marginalized communities;
3. Foster research and innovation in healthcare to address local health challenges;
4. Align provincial health initiatives with national policies and global best practices.

Section 3. Establishment of the Leyte Health Academy (LHA)

The Leyte Health Academy is hereby established in Palo, Leyte, as a provincial institution dedicated to healthcare education, training, and research.

Section 4. Functions and Objectives of LHA

LHA shall:

1. Offer vocational training programs, including Barangay Health Services (BHS) NC II, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) NC II, and Pharmacy Assistant NC II, Healthcare Services;
2. Provide crash courses such as Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), Diabetes Management, Hypertension Management, Mental Health Gap Action Program (MH GAP), and Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI);
3. Conduct capacity-building programs and continuing professional development (CPD) for healthcare professionals;
4. Serve as a center for public health research, focusing on local and regional health challenges;
5. Collaborate with government agencies, local hospitals, and private institutions for internships, employment pipelines, and practical training.

Section 5. Governance and Administration

1. **Management Structure:** The LPHA shall be managed by a Board of Directors chaired by the Provincial Governor and co-chaired by the Provincial Health Officer.
2. **Executive Director:** An Executive Director shall oversee the daily operations of the Academy, appointed by the Governor.
3. **Advisory Council:** An Advisory Council, composed of representatives from DOH, TESDA, local hospitals, and academic institutions, shall provide strategic guidance.

Section 6. Funding and Budget Allocation. The LHA's establishment budget shall be sourced from provincial funds, grants from TESDA, DOH, and other national agencies, and private sector donations.

Section 7. Facilities and Infrastructure

LHA shall include the following:

1. Training facilities for BHS NC II, EMS NC II, and Pharmacy Assistant courses, Healthcare Services;
2. Simulation laboratories, pharmacy practice areas, and classrooms equipped with modern tools and equipment;
3. Administrative offices, research hubs, and resource centers;
4. Dormitories and support facilities for trainers and trainees as needed.

Section 8. Monitoring and Evaluation

1. **Quarterly Reviews:** The LHA Board of Directors shall conduct quarterly reviews to assess performance and progress.
2. **Trainee Assessments:** Graduates shall undergo TESDA National Competency Assessments to ensure they meet national standards.
3. **Feedback Mechanism:** A feedback system shall be implemented for continuous improvement of training programs.

Section 9. Sustainability Mechanisms

To ensure long-term sustainability, LHA shall:

- 1. Establish partnerships with hospitals and private institutions for funding and employment pipelines;
- 2. Offer CPD programs for professionals to generate additional revenue;
- 3. Engage in research projects funded by external grants and donors.

Section 10. Separability Clause

If for any reason, any section of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other sections which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force or in effect.

Section 11. Repealing Clause

All ordinances, rules and regulations as parts thereof that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Section 12. Effectivity

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Leyte.

Enacted this ____ day of _____, 2024 at the Leyte Provincial Government Complex, Palo, Leyte, Philippines.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

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Vice Governor and Presiding Officer

Approved:

CARLOS JERICO L. PETILLA
Governor

Date: _____