



National AHEC Organization

2024-2025 Health Workforce Program Highlights

621,290
AHEC Participants

The Area Health Education Centers' (AHEC) mission is to enhance access to quality healthcare, particularly primary and preventive care, by improving the supply and distribution of healthcare professionals through community/academic educational partnerships.



Clinical Training

Clinical Training improves readiness, willingness, and ability of health professions trainees to serve in primary care, rural, and medically underserved community settings.

29,604
Facilitated Rotations

49%

Rural Area

62%

Primary Care Setting

81%

Medically Underserved Community

Percentage of Unique Clinical Training Sites



Pathway Programs

Pathway Programs (also known as Pipeline Programs) expose students to health careers and develop intent to pursue postsecondary education in primary healthcare professions.

272,082

Health Career Participants

Programs include: Health Careers Enrichment Activities, Pre-Diploma/Certification Preparation, Summer Programs, After School Enrichment Activities, and Pre-college Preparation.



AHEC Scholars

AHEC Scholars is a program designed to prepare future health professionals with the leadership skills necessary to better serve vulnerable populations in rural and medically underserved communities.

6,673

AHEC Scholars in the 2024 interprofessional cohort from the following disciplines:

- Allied Health
- Advanced Practice Nurse/ Nurse Practitioner
- Behavioral Health
- Community Health Worker
- Dentistry
- Medicine
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Public Health
- Registered Nurse

85%

of Scholars Completers are confident in their ability to utilize skills from the program to provide care to medically underserved.

48%

of Scholar Completers for whom location is known are working or training in a medically underserved community 1 year after graduation.

16,150 Total AHEC Scholars Program Completers (2019-2025)



Continuing Education

Continuing Education provides health professionals with access to resources to improve the quality of care for medically underserved communities and populations with health disparities.

312,931

Continuing Education Participants Nationwide



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In their words, the impact of participating in the AHEC Scholars Program on future health professionals:

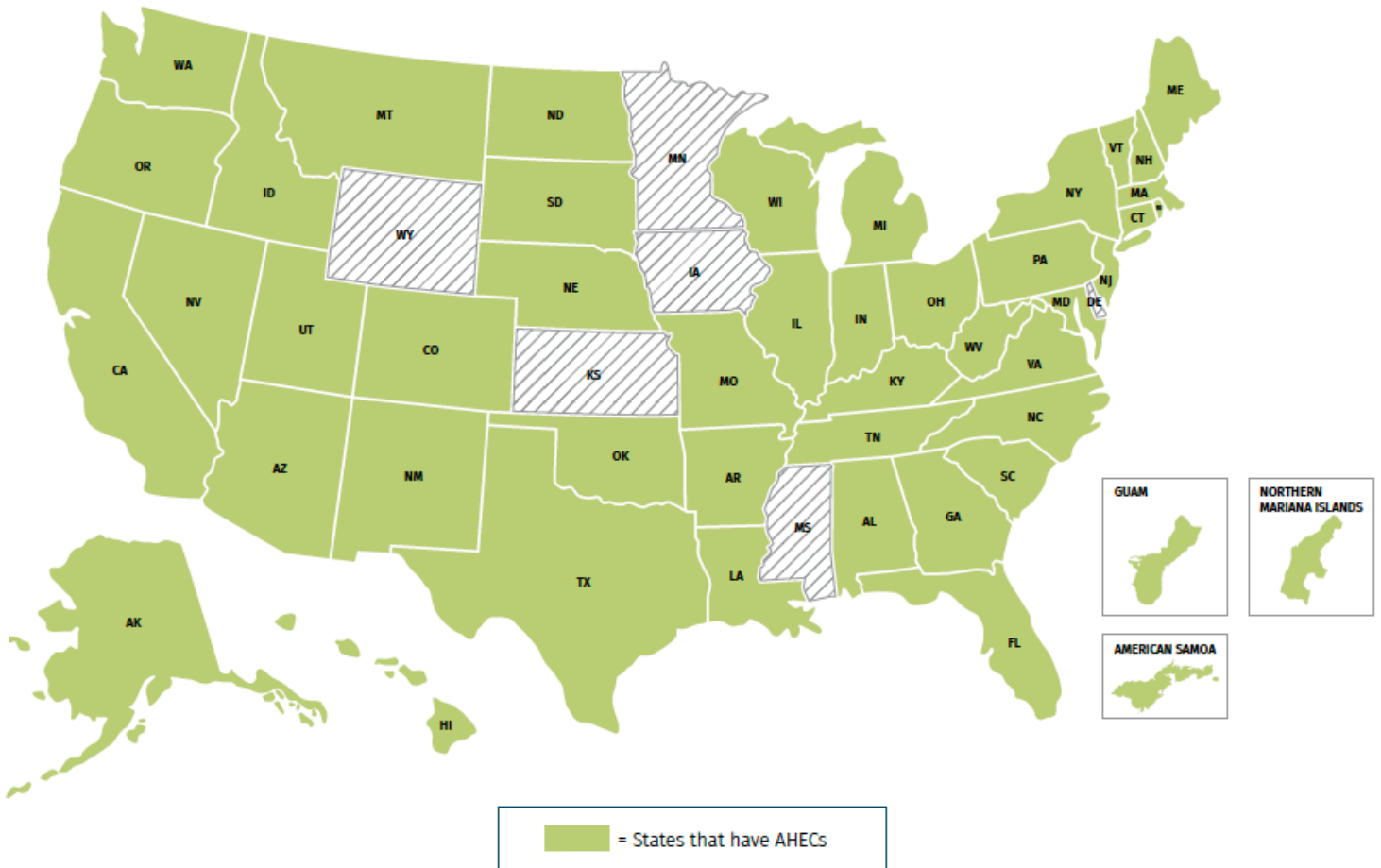


"I truly enjoyed my experience as an AHEC Scholar! I gained a wealth of valuable knowledge about healthcare and developed a deeper understanding of working with diverse communities, particularly in underserved areas. This experience has strengthened my commitment to becoming a healthcare provider focused on serving rural, underserved, and uninsured populations."
-Amanda Morgan, PharmD, AHEC Scholar



"The Scholars program strengthened my commitment to compassionate, patient-centered care and gave me skills that allow me to better support my patients beyond their immediate dental needs. My experiences inspired me to be part of something bigger. Now, I proudly work at a rural FQHC, an opportunity made possible through connections and knowledge gained during AHEC. "
-Lydia Stigsell, DDS, AHEC Scholar

The map below highlights the states and territories that have AHECS



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