

What is AHEC Scholars?

The AHEC Scholars Program is for health professions students (entering their final two degree seeking years) interested in positioning themselves to join a well prepared, diverse and culturally competent primary care workforce. The Program's core topics cover:

- Inter-professional education
- Behavioral health integration
- Social determinants of health
- Cultural competency
- Practice transformation
- Current & emerging health issues
- Team-based community experiences working in rural and urban underserved areas.

Program Requirements

This two-year program requires 40 hours **each year** of classroom-based and online didactic experiences and 40 hours of team-based and community-based experiences each year. This is in addition to a regular course load. (Some current courses may be eligible for program credit.)

- Each cohort is limited to 15 students.
- AHEC Scholars cohorts begin each fall on the University of Cincinnati's campus.

To apply for the AHEC Scholars program, please contact Sharron DiMario at sharron.dimario@uc.edu

"The most valuable part was being able to have a more informed view on the issues that exist within our community."
~ AHEC Scholar Class of 2021



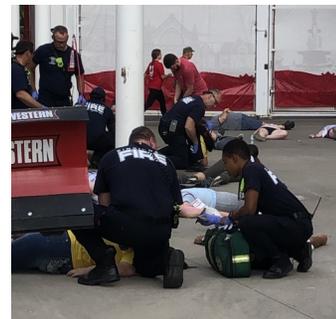
Scholars engage in classroom activities

What are the Benefits?

Participation in AHEC Scholars provides students with a variety of benefits including—

- \$750 stipend (each year) depending upon funding available
- Participation in professional conferences and continuing education opportunities
- Student research opportunities
- Clinical and community shadowing experiences
- Rural and Appalachian cultural experiences
- Recognition from the National AHEC organization

Scholars participate in community events like a mass casualty incident.



UC Scholars joined UK and IU Scholars for training on smoking/vaping/e-cigarette prevention and education.

"I enjoyed being able to collaborate with my peers, who are at a similar education and experience level as me. It made me feel more comfortable."
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Who Can Apply?

The program is open to students in disciplines that support primary health care services delivery in both clinical and non-clinical roles. Applicable majors include, but are not limited to: medicine, community and public health, nursing, and allied health programs.

The program has a special interest in students from underserved, under-represented populations and/or disadvantaged backgrounds. If you have questions about qualifications, please reach out to our office.

What Is AHEC?

*Connecting student to careers,
professionals to communities,
and communities to better health.*

The goal of the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program is to improve access to quality primary health care in urban and rural medically underserved areas through educational activities designed to recruit, train and retain community-based health care personnel. Nationally, 46 AHEC programs with 261 centers operate in almost every state and the District of Columbia. In academic year 2018-2019, it supported more than 3,400 different types of training programs including pre-pipeline and pipeline activities as well as community-based field placement for health professionals. Over 306,000 people were trained by the nation's AHECs. The University of Cincinnati AHEC, founded in 1974, is part of the College of Medicine and represents Region VI of the Ohio Statewide Program covering Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren Counties.

**The AHEC Scholars
program open to
disciplines that support
primary healthcare
service delivery in
clinical and non-clinical
roles.**

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Interprofessional Teams
Serving Rural and Urban
Underserved Populations**

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