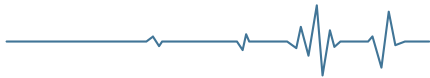




AHEC SCHOLARS

AHEC Scholars is a two-year national certificate program funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration, designed to better prepare health professions students for future practice serving rural and urban underserved communities. We aim to launch students into their careers with the tools necessary to become future visionaries and leaders in their chosen professions.



RURAL HOSA SUPPORT

Thanks to a pass-through state grant provided by the Department of Health/Office of Rural Program, SW WA AHEC is able to support rural HOSA Chapters in Lewis, Mason, Grays Harbor, Clark, Pacific, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Clark, and Skamania school districts with mini grants up to \$1500. These funds are extremely flexible and may be used to support initiation fees, travel, conference costs, uniforms, coaching, supplies, and other needs. The grants are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Schools are identified as rural using the Rural Health Information Hub, "Am I Rural" tool.



CONTINUING EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

One of the ways that AHEC serves its local community is by creating opportunities for healthcare professionals to be better equipped to serve their patients. We partner with local government agencies, non-profits, and other grassroots movements to develop and implement opportunities for professional development tailored specifically to the community.



LOW-COST/NO-COST HEALTH CAREER PATHWAYS FOR YOUTH

Not all students plan to attend college, and that's okay! SW WA AHEC is excited to connect with 9th through 12th grade students in Pacific and Grays Harbor counties to extend community knowledge of no and low-cost career health sciences training opportunities. By connecting students to apprenticeship programs, on-the-job training, short-term certificates, and funding opportunities, SW AHEC hopes to interest students in entry-level healthcare careers within their local community. If you are a school district or youth center serving students in Pacific or Grays Harbor counties, please reach out for more information.

RURAL UNDERSERVED OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (RUOP)

RUOP is a collaborative effort of the UW School of Medicine, Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho (WWAMI) campuses, and the Area Health Education Centers. For four weeks, UW Medical students are immersed in rural or urban underserved communities throughout the WWAMI region.



PATHWAY ACTIVITIES

Pathway activities are designed to support students who may face challenges in applying to or entering health professions training programs due to race, ethnicity, income, or other disadvantages. AHECs champion the "homegrown" approach, knowing that students who have a personal connection to the area will be more likely to return to their home communities when they become healthcare professionals.

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