Stand out from the Crowd

The South Carolina AHEC Scholars program is part of a national initiative to prepare tomorrow’s health professionals to become leaders in interprofessional, transformative practice who serve those who need it the most. Do you want to join the cutting edge of health professions training with other students and disciplines from across the state?

AHEC SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Equips students across South Carolina to become leaders in primary care for rural & underserved communities.

Certified Leader
Complete a two-year curriculum including didactic and experiential training opportunities and receive a certificate recognizing you as a leader in primary care

Training & Networking
AHEC Scholars will receive preference for innovative team-based clinical fieldwork placements in addition to networking opportunities with leaders and providers statewide

Core Topics
Focus on telehealth, interprofessional education, behavioral health integration, social determinants of health, cultural competency, practice transformation, and TeamSTEPPS®

IP Activities
Participate in interprofessional simulation and telehealth training and leave your health professions training program ready to be a cutting-edge provider

Find out more:
www.scahec.net/ahecscholars
Program Components

Students will emerge from the AHEC Scholars program having gained innovative, interprofessional training focused on transforming primary care and improving patient care. Students will:

- Participate for at least 2-years upon admission to the AHEC Scholars program and culminating with graduation from the student’s academic program.
- Complete a minimum of 40 hours of experiential and 40 hours of didactic training during each of the two years of the program.
- Complete a follow-up evaluation one year after exiting the program.

Student Eligibility

Health profession students from various disciplines and institutions are encouraged to apply and participate in AHEC Scholars. Preference will be given to individuals with one or more of the following characteristics: South Carolina resident, rural background, commitment to rural lifestyle, commitment to primary care, underrepresented minority and/or disadvantaged background.

Students are eligible to apply to the South Carolina AHEC Scholars Program if they are accepted/enrolled in a graduate-level health professions education program in South Carolina and are able to participate in and complete 2 years of the Scholars program.

Applications are accepted in the Fall, Spring, and Summer of each year. Preferred application times for MUSC and UofSC programs listed below:

**Medical University of South Carolina**
- Dental - 2nd Year
- Nurse Practitioner - 2nd Year, 1st Semester (full-time); or 6th Semester (part-time)
- Medicine - 2nd Year
- Pharmacy - 3rd Year
- Physician Assistant Studies - 1st Year

**University of South Carolina**
- Masters of Social Work - 1st Year
- Medicine - 2nd Year
- Nurse Practitioner - Family Nurse Practitioner Students
- Pharmacy - 3rd Year
- Physician Assistant Studies - 1st Year

Student Benefits

Becoming an AHEC Scholar offers many opportunities and benefits, including:

- Network and receive mentoring opportunities with established leaders in primary care and rural health in South Carolina
- Receive preference for innovative team-based clinical fieldwork placements/rotations
- Increased competitiveness for SC AHEC rural incentive grants
- Certificate recognizing you as an AHEC Scholar and leader in primary care

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