



South Carolina AHEC Scholars

The AHEC Scholars Program supports students interested in working with rural and/or underserved populations, preparing today's students to become tomorrow's leaders in interprofessional, transformative practice serving those who need it the most.

AHEC SCHOLARS OPPORTUNITIES

- Experiential training opportunities
- Interprofessional training activities
- Specialized real-time and self-paced educational options
- Networking with health professionals and students across the state
- Coordinators to guide and mentor you throughout the program

SC AHEC'S PURPOSE

South Carolina AHEC connects students and professionals with the tools, training and resources necessary to develop an effective healthcare workforce, with a focus on primary care for rural and underserved areas.



AREAS OF FOCUS

- Interprofessional Education
- Behavioral Health Integration
- Social Determinants of Health
- Cultural Competency
- Practice Transformation
- Telehealth & Virtual Learning
- Connecting Communities & Supporting Health Professionals

HOW TO APPLY

Apply online via the link below. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

CLICK OR SCAN LEARN MORE & APPLY

www.scahec.net/AHECscholars



STUDENT BENEFITS

- Receive \$500/year active in the program (up to \$1,000 total)
- Network and receive mentoring opportunities with established leaders in primary care and rural health in South Carolina
- Network with other AHEC Scholars across the nation
- 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

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

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

Graduate health professions students from the following disciplines are encouraged to apply and participate in AHEC Scholars. Preference will be given to individuals with/that meet one or more of the following: South Carolina resident, rural background, commitment to a rural lifestyle, commitment to primary care, underrepresented minority, and/or disadvantaged background.

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

- Dental Medicine – 2nd or 3rd Year
- Master of Social Work – 1st Year
- Medicine - 2nd or 3rd year
- Nurse Practitioner – 1st or 2nd Year (for programs over 2 years)
- Occupational Therapy – 1st or 2nd year (for programs over 2 years)
- Pharmacy – 3rd Year
- Physical Therapy - 2nd Year
- Physician Assistant Studies – 1st Year

