



National AHEC Organization

2022-2023 Health Workforce Program Highlights

718,133

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.

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.

247,092

Health Career Participants

Background Percentage of Pathway Completers

25%

From
Disadvantaged
Background

27%

From Rural
Background

15%

From Under-
represented
Minority



Clinical Training

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

25,190

Facilitated Rotations

Location Percentage of Health Professions Students

16%

Rural Areas

42%

Primary Care
Settings

40%

Medically
Underserved
Communities



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.

7,604

Disciplines of AHEC Scholar Students in the 2023 interprofessional cohort:

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

92%

AHEC Scholar Completers utilize skills from AHEC Scholars Program to provide care to medically underserved.

10,523

Total AHEC Scholars Program Completers (2019-2023)



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.

438,247

Continuing Education
Participants Nationwide



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



"AHEC helped me make my professional dreams into professional goals and gave me the tools I needed to achieve those goals."

-Samuel McElwee, BSN, AHEC Scholar

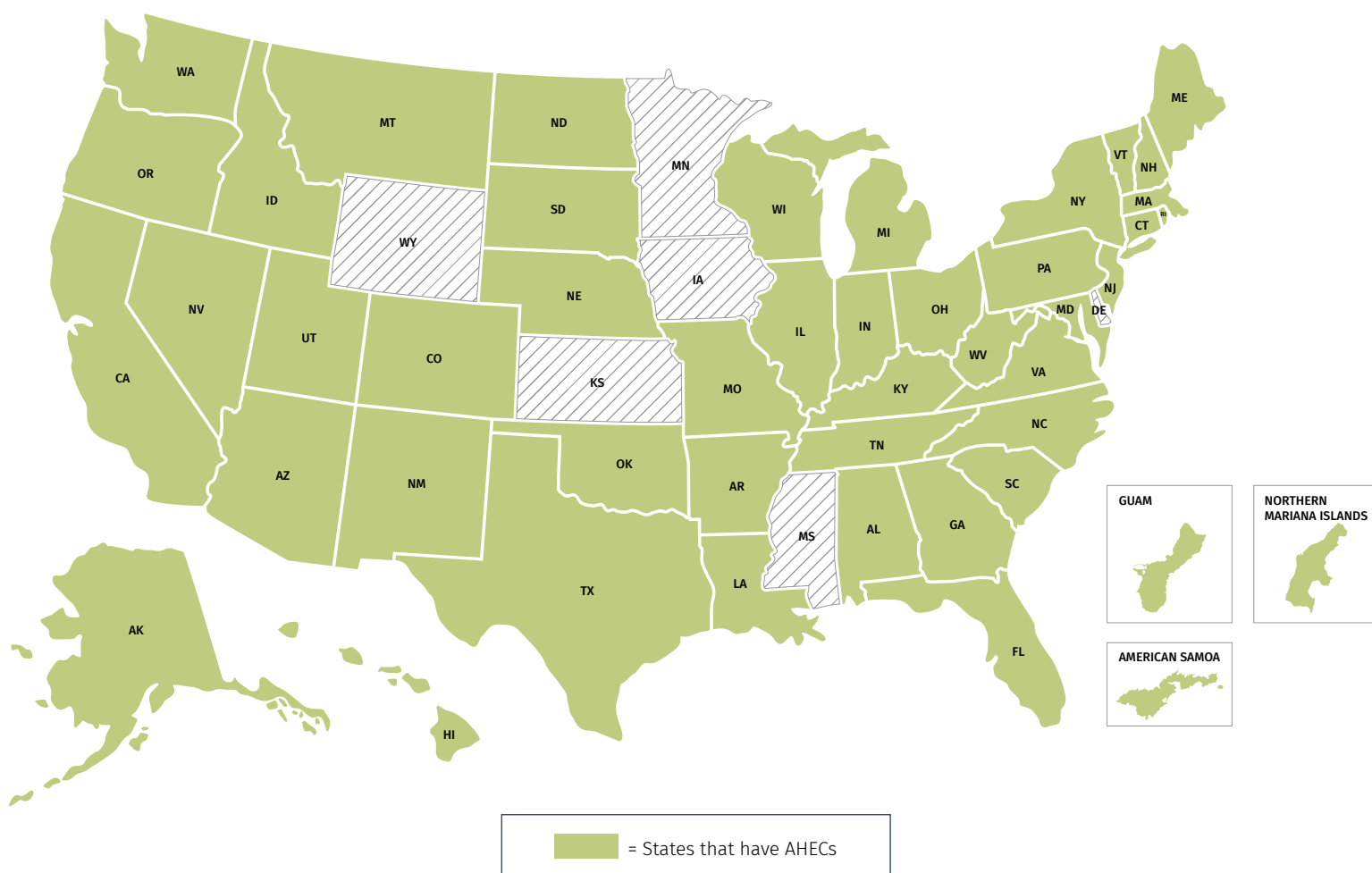


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"If we take a public health approach to medicine and look at the context in which our patients come to us, we can better influence not just their health but their entire quality of life."

- Fajar Alam, DO student Scholar

The map below highlights the states and territories that have AHECs



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