

# Become an AHEC Scholar!



The AHEC Scholars Program is a nationally recognized interdisciplinary educational and training program that focuses on preparing a diverse, culturally competent healthcare workforce specializing in rural and underserved areas.

## Eligibility

- Enrolled in a degree or certificate health professions program
- GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Commit to a two-year AHEC Scholars activity schedule
- Be prepared to go into a health profession when you graduate

## Year One

- Orientation to WWAMI AHEC Scholars
- 40 hours of community/experiential/clinical learning
- 40 hours of didactics relevant to rural and underserved communities

## Year Two

- 40 hours of community/experiential/clinical learning
- 40 hours of didactics relevant to rural and underserved communities
- Networking events
- AHEC Scholars Graduation and receipt of HRSA/AHEC Certificate

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# Curriculum Features Highly Relevant Topics

## 6 Core Topic Areas



**INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION:** supports a coordinated, patient centered model of healthcare that involves an understanding of the contributions of multiple healthcare professionals.



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTEGRATION:** promotes the development of integrated primary and behavioral health services (mental health and substance use conditions).



**SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH:** economic stability, education, social and community context, health & healthcare, neighborhood & built environments (determinants) and their impact on health.



**CULTURAL COMPETENCY:** training healthcare providers to recognize & address the unique culture, language & health literacy of diverse individuals & communities.



**PRACTICE TRANSFORMATION:** goal-setting, leadership, practice facilitation, workflow changes, measuring outcomes, adapting organizational tools and processes to support new team-based models of care delivery.



**CURRENT AND EMERGING HEALTH ISSUES:** examples include Zika virus, pandemic influenza, opioid abuse, geographically relevant health issues, etc. Prior approval by HRSA required for a topical health issue.

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