

CLINICAL/EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITIES

INTERPROFESSIONAL CLINICAL/EXPERIENTIAL HOURS

As an AHEC Scholar, you are required to complete a total of 80 hours (40 hours in each year) of clinical and/or experiential activities in a rural and/or underserved setting. All hours must be completed in an interprofessional setting or completed working in a team with students from health profession fields of study different than your own.

CLINICAL EXAMPLES

- Complete a clinical rotation organized by your academic program, in a qualified setting.
- Employment or volunteer service in a patient or client-facing role in a qualified clinical setting.

Such as:

- working as a scribe at a community health center
- working as a social worker in a critical access hospital
- volunteering as a community health worker at a free clinic
- volunteering to assist with health screenings at a health fair or mobile clinic

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CLINICAL/EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

EXPERIENTIAL EXAMPLES

- Complete shadowing hours in a qualified setting with a health professional from a discipline other than that which you are studying, such as:
 - a med student shadowing with a PT at a critical access hospital
 - a dietetics student shadowing with a social worker at a free clinic
- Participate in a simulation training that involves students from multiple health programs (i.e. PA and Pharmacy or Med, AT, and Dietetics) and includes an element of instruction pertaining to communities that are rural and/or medically underserved.
- Participate in an interprofessional (more than one health profession represented) case-based discussion that addresses the unique needs of patients in rural and/or medically underserved communities.

QUALIFIED SETTING EXAMPLES

Examples include, but are not limited to...

- Rural Health Clinics
- Critical Access Hospitals
- State correctional facilities
- Indian Health Services (IHS) health facilities
- Free Clinics
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Student health clinics
- Public health districts
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), also known as Community Health Centers (CHCs)
- State-operated psychiatric hospitals (i.e. State Hospital South, State Hospital North)

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