



PA AHEC Scholars Program

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ABOUT THE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Are you a health professions student in Pennsylvania with an interest in providing care to the rural and underserved members of our state? If your answer is YES, the PA AHEC Scholars program is right for you. If accepted, you will become part of a flagship program funded by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration. The program creates regional, interprofessional teams that will discover ways to provide patient-centered and population-focused healthcare as they learn about and experience team-based care, social determinants of health, cultural competencies, behavioral health integration, practice transformation and various current and emerging health issues.

The Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center (PA AHEC) invites Pennsylvania health professions students interested in providing care in rural and underserved communities to apply for the PA AHEC Scholars Program.

The PA AHEC Scholars Program is a two-year program offering clinical, didactic, and community-based interprofessional learning. Students will:

- Participate in a monthly interactive online learning community.
- Complete service learning and research projects in rural and underserved areas that are designed to lead to presentation and publication opportunities.
- Shadow and network with health professionals providing care in communities with limited resources.

PA AHEC Scholars will be uniquely prepared to work in rural and underserved communities through case-based team learning and networking opportunities. Regional interprofessional teams will discover ways to provide patient-centered and population-focused health care as they learn about and experience team-based care, social determinants of health, cultural competency, behavioral health integration, practice transformation, and various current and emerging health issues. PA AHEC Scholars will be trained and mentored by faculty and health professionals working in rural and underserved communities.

PA AHEC Scholars will be awarded a certificate upon completion of the two-year program, distinguishing them from their peers. All PA AHEC Scholars will be encouraged to present or publish community-based research results and interventional programs designed and implemented.

Applicants from disadvantaged and/or rural backgrounds and underrepresented minorities are encouraged to apply.

Program Eligibility

PA AHEC Scholars must:

- Be enrolled in a college-level health professions education training program in Pennsylvania.
- Have reliable access to a computer and Wi-Fi Internet access.
- Have reliable transportation to regional meetings and clinical observations.

Program Requirements

Each PA AHEC Scholar must:

- Be committed to the program for two academic years, including the summer in between.
- Complete 40 hours of didactic training (interactive, online) each year of the program.
- Complete 40 hours of experiential learning (clinical and community-based) each year of the program.
- Inaugural PA AHEC Scholars (those accepted to begin in September 2018) will be asked to provide regular feedback on the program as part of a formative program evaluation.

To Apply

Please complete and submit the PA AHEC Scholars Program application by Sept. 30, 2018. Applications may be submitted online at <http://www.paahecscholars.org>.