

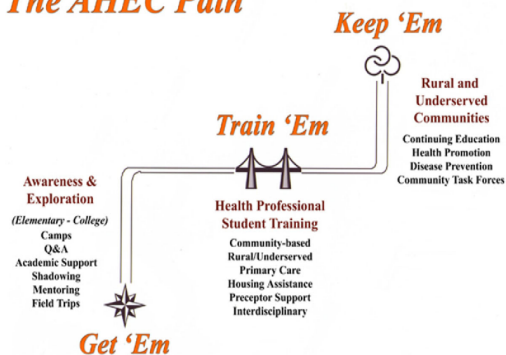
More Information

Increasing the number of physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, dentists, therapists, and other health professionals, especially those coming from rural and underserved areas, has been shown to increase access and improve the overall health of communities.

Health professions promoted by Alabama AHEC:

- ✓ Physicians - M.D. and D.O.
- ✓ Nurse Practitioners
- ✓ Physician Assistants
- ✓ Nurses
- ✓ Pharmacists
- ✓ Dentists
- ✓ Public Health Professionals
- ✓ Dietitians and Nutritionists
- ✓ Physical Therapists
- ✓ Occupational Therapists
- ✓ Respiratory Therapists
- ✓ Radiologic Technologists
- ✓ Healthcare Management
- ✓ and many more

The AHEC Path



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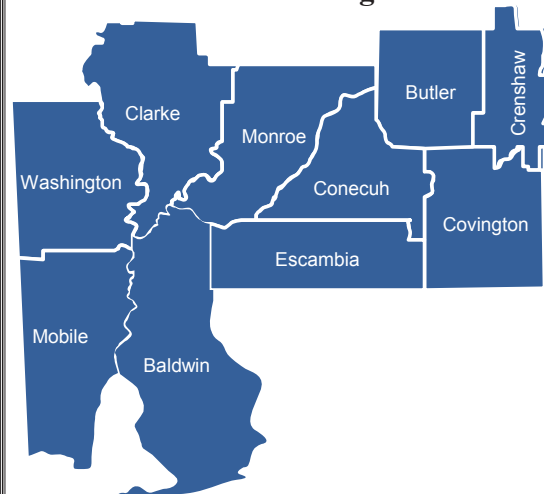
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AHEC Puts It All Together



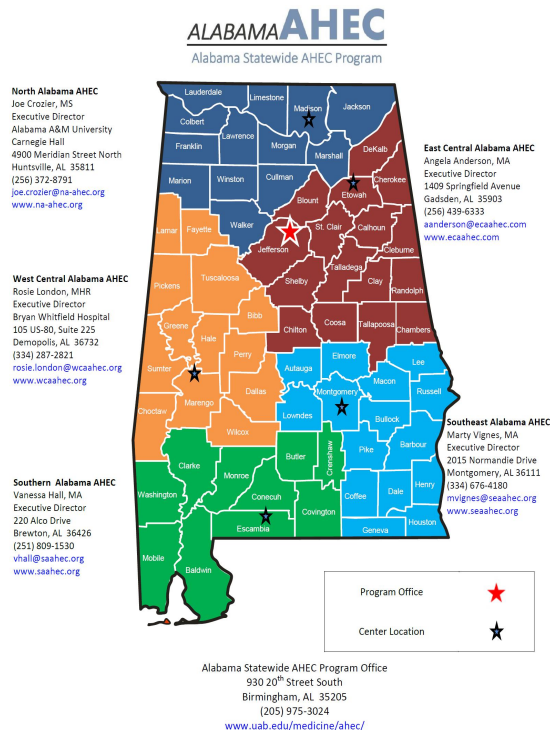
*Poised to Lead for the Future
of Alabama Health Care*

About Alabama AHEC

The Alabama Statewide AHEC Program's mission is to reduce health disparities by improving the quantity, diversity, distribution and quality of Alabama's healthcare workforce.

Through a network of 5 regional centers, the program covers all 67 counties in Alabama and strengthens the state's health care workforce by recruiting, training and retaining a healthcare workforce for Alabama.

Southern Alabama AHEC (SAAHEC) provides services and activities that support health careers promotion, student and resident experiential education, health promotion and literacy, health awareness and professional continuing education within the 10-county service area.



PROGRAM AREAS

Middle and High School Students

Health careers enrichment and recruitment in under-served areas to expose students from underrepresented rural and urban areas to health careers. Programs include Health Career 101 presentation, ACT prep, college tours, and much more.

Health Profession Students/Residents

Learning experiences for health profession students at community based sites with an emphasis on interdisciplinary programs in under-served communities.

Provides travel **OR** housing reimbursement for students completing clinical rotations in our 10-county service area (contingent upon funding)

Healthcare Professionals

Continuing education opportunities for health professionals to enhance the practice environment and help them to provide high quality of care in under-served communities.

SAAHEC is seeking healthcare providers and clinical sites to participate in clinical training.

Community Engagement

Partnerships with local organizations on joint projects and activities that are focused on

- Community access and awareness of health information
- Health promotion and literacy
- Veteran's health
- Opioid education
- Covid-19 testing/vaccine education
- Other emerging health issues

AHEC SCHOLARS

The AHEC Scholars program is designed to enhance the education and training of current health profession students committed to serving Alabama's rural and under-served.

AHEC Scholars will engage in **team-based** experiences providing care to vulnerable and under-served communities. They will enhance their knowledge and competence in the following core areas:

Inter-professional Education
Behavioral Health Integration
Social Determinants of Health
Cultural Competency
Practice Transformation
Current and Emerging Health Issues

The program is 2 years and each year includes 80 hours:

- 40 hours community team-based experiential training
- 40 hours didactic education offered on-line using Google Classroom

Benefits

Selected participants will receive:

- \$500 stipend for each year of the program (contingent on funding)
- Certificate of completion from SAAHEC
- Free conference attendance opportunities.

It is also a great opportunity for resume building, networking & professional and leadership development.