

AHEC = Healthcare Workforce Development

Education + Jobs + Access to Healthcare

Current Examples of AHEC Statewide Impact:

- Five Centers serve all 67 counties: West Central Alabama AHEC – Greensboro; Southeast Alabama AHEC – Troy; Southern Alabama AHEC – Brewton; East Central Alabama AHEC – Gadsden; North Alabama AHEC – Huntsville (opens April)
- Cahaba Family Medicine Residency Program Partnership (CFMRP) – established and coordinated medical, nursing, and physician assistant (PA) student rotations
- Excellent interprofessional training site focused on rural and underserved populations in Alabama
- PA students do a 4 week family medicine rotation at CFMRP every month
- First PA hired at CFMRP
- Dr. Mark Heinrich, Chancellor of Alabama Community College System, fully supports AHEC Program
- Dr. Heinrich and Linda Cater, Director of Health Programs, sit on the AHEC Statewide Advisory Council
- Jefferson Davis Community College is where the Southern Alabama AHEC Center is located
- AHEC Program helped establish and serves on Governor's AlaVetNet Health and Education committees
- AHEC Program works closely with retired General Larry Ross, AlaVetNet Coordinator, and the AlaVetNet participating agencies and organizations
- Local Board of Directors for each of the five AHEC Centers include Physicians, Nurses, PAs, Rural Hospitals, FQHCs, County Health Departments, High Schools, and Consumers serving in their local AHEC Region
- Alabama School Readiness Alliance gets children ready for school and the Statewide AHEC Program works with the high school students to prepare them to become a college- and career-ready workforce. Starting school strong and finishing school strong makes a strong workforce.
- West Central Alabama AHEC conducted 151 activities reaching over 2500 people in their 13 county region in their first full year of operation
- 628 high school and 267 college students participated in West Central Alabama AHEC programs preparing them for healthcare careers

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Alabama Statewide AHEC Program

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Statewide AHEC Program Objectives:

- Partner with the state's 4 medical schools, 7 nurse practitioner programs, and 2 physician assistant programs to conduct a minimum of 1 AHEC clinical rotation (80-160 hours) in a rural and underserved community based sites in Alabama
- Currently 10% of UAB medical student clinical rotations occur in rural and underserved community based sites (approximately 380 hours per student)
- Facilitate an additional 450 Medical, 500 Nurse Practitioner and 150 Physician Assistant student clinical training rural and underserved community based sites from the state's other programs
- Partner with all primary care residencies (FM, IM/Peds, Peds) in Alabama to assure they do AHEC rotations in rural and underserved communities
- Interest also in dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, then other allied health programs. The more rotations conducted in rural and underserved communities, both the quantity and quality of healthcare services increases
- Partner with Alabama Community Colleges, particularly recruiting students for their health programs and recruiting students from their health programs to practice in rural and underserved communities
- Dr. Mark Heinrich, Chancellor of Alabama Community College System and Linda Cater, Director of Health Programs, sit on the AHEC Statewide Advisory Council

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