Michigan AHEC

2023-2024 Health Workforce Program Highlight

8,279
AHEC Participants

The Michigan Area Health Education Centers' (Michigan AHEC) mission is to enhance access to quality healthcare, particularly primary and preventive care, by improving the supply and distribution of healthcare professionals through community/academic educational partnerships.

Pathway Programs

Pathway Programs (also known as Pipeline Programs) expose students to health careers and develop intent to pursue postsecondary education in primary healthcare professions.

3,989
Health Career Participants

Background Percentage of Pathway Completers

- **42%** From Disadvantaged Background
- **10%** From Rural Background
- **41%** From Under-represented Minority

Clinical Training

Clinical Training improves readiness, willingness, and ability of health professions trainees to serve in primary care, rural, and medically underserved community settings.

1,397
Facilitated Rotations

Location Percentage of Health Professions Students

- **37%** Rural Areas
- **78%** Primary Care Settings
- **67%** Medically Underserved Communities

AHEC Scholars

AHEC Scholars is a program designed to prepare future health professionals with the leadership skills necessary to better serve vulnerable population in rural and medically underserved communities.

85
Disciplines of AHEC Scholar Students in the 2023 interprofessional cohort:

- Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Behavioral Health
- Physician Assistant
- Advanced Practice Nurse, Nurse Practitioner
- Public Health
- Allied Health

87%
AHEC Scholar Completers utilize skills from AHEC Scholars Program to provide care to medically underserved.

5,471
Total AHEC Scholars Program Completers (2019-2024)

Continuing Education

Continuing Education provides health professionals with access to resources to improve the quality of care for medically underserved communities and populations with health disparities.

1,411
Continuing Education Participants Statewide

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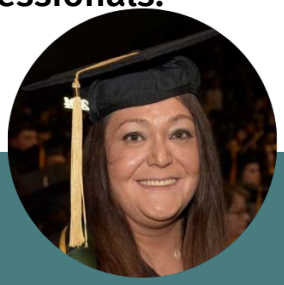
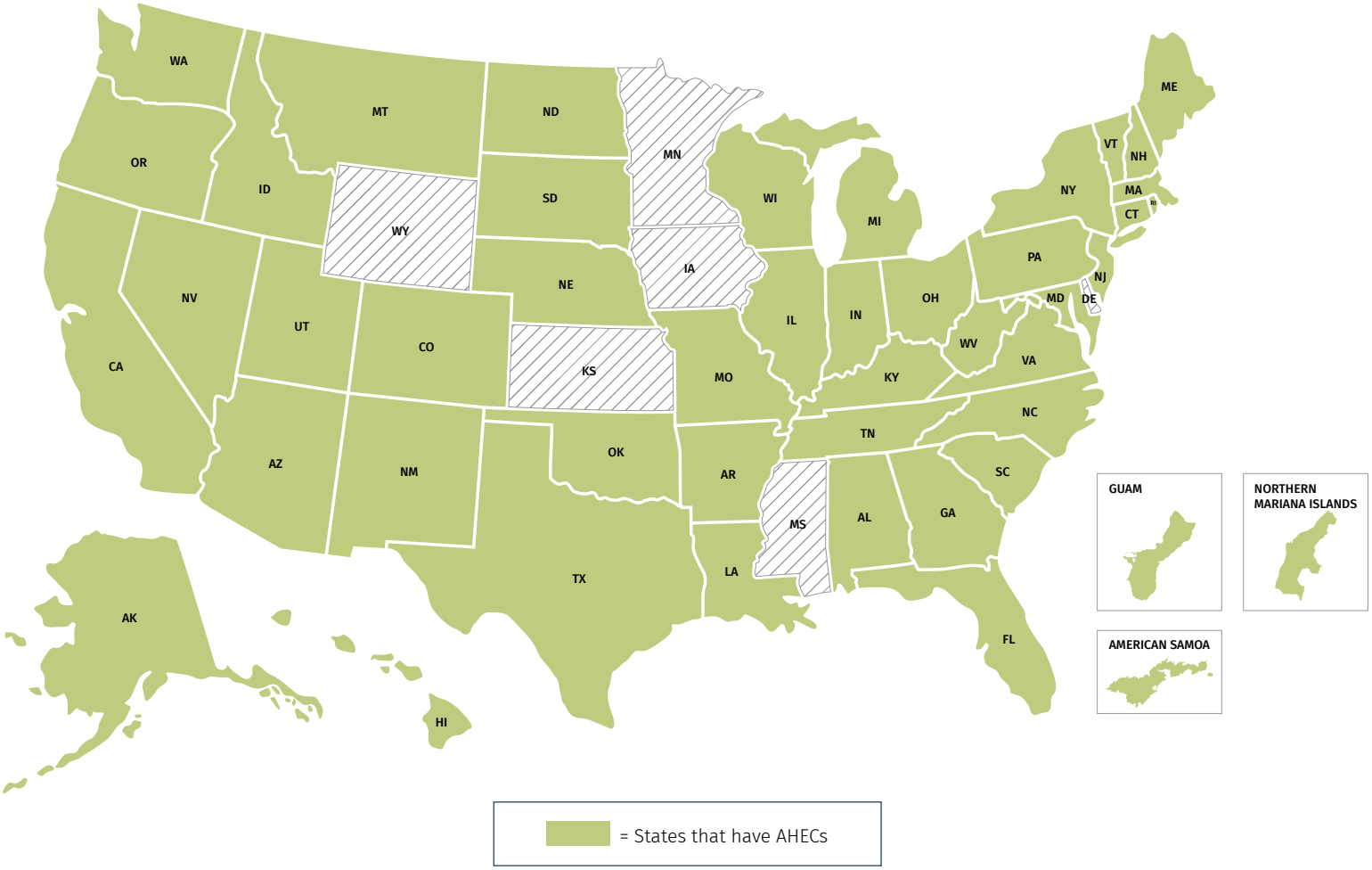
In their words, the impact of participating in the AHEC Scholars Program on future health professionals:



"My favorite part of the AHEC Scholars program would be the opportunity to meet students from all over Michigan and work with them collaboratively. Also, the training that we get to do! As a person who struggled for 15 years with substance use disorder, specifically, opiate and stimulant disorder. Seeing that future healthcare professionals are getting the training and education that surrounds SUD is amazing and makes me hopeful in combating the stigma that I and so many others have faced."
-April Ruthig, BSW, Michigan AHEC Scholar

"The Michigan Area Health Education Center (MI-AHEC) program's goal of improving access to primary care for all Michigan residents aligns perfectly with my career goals. My plans include becoming an obstetrician-gynecologist. This alignment reassures me that the AHEC Scholars Program is the right platform to help further my aspirations. Ultimately, I aspire to become a clinician-scientist focusing on maternal health disparities of African American women to help bridge gaps in care access for the community."
- Tyeisha Head, MPH Student, Michigan AHEC Scholar

The map below highlights the states and territories that have AHECs



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