

Wisconsin AHEC Scholars Program

Set yourself apart with this nationally-recognized program!



The Wisconsin AHEC Scholars two-year program is designed to enhance and broaden your healthcare training with a combination of didactic education and community-based field placement in a Wisconsin rural or underserved community.

BENEFITS

- Expand your knowledge of the health challenges and contexts of rural and underserved populations in Wisconsin to help you become a better professional
- Build a professional network within a variety of health disciplines
- Earn a \$1,500 stipend over the course of your commitment
- Receive a digital badge through UW Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education
- Gain a competitive edge in marketing yourself to employers

ELIGIBILITY

- Be two years from getting your degree
- Commit to active participation for two consecutive years while concurrently working toward your degree
- Plan to enter the workforce upon graduation from your current degree program and have an interest in working in rural and/or underserved communities within Wisconsin
- Be currently enrolled in or accepted to one of the following degree programs that are at least two years in length:

Associate Degree:

Gerontology
Health Information Technology
Nursing
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Substance Use Disorder Counseling

Bachelor's Degree:

Nursing
Public Health
Social Work

Graduate or Professional Degree:

Dentistry
Dietetics
Medicine
Mental Health Counseling
Nursing
Occupational Therapy
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Physician Assistant
Public Health
Social Work
Substance Use Disorder Counseling



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Applications open August to October at:

ahec.wisc.edu/scholars/

ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS

AHEC Scholars is a two-year program, and each of the components below must be completed in both years one and two, equating to 40 hours of didactic learning and 40 hours of a community-based field placement each year.

1. Orientation

Attend a virtual orientation at the start of each year. In year one this includes an introduction to the program, the staff, and an overview of the core topic areas.

2. AHEC Connect

Choose three out of seven offered virtual AHEC Connect Sessions, which focus on current and relevant health topics and include the opportunity to participate in discussion with other Scholars.

3. Community Health Immersion

Select a Community Health Immersion to develop a deeper understanding of health challenges and cultural considerations affecting populations in Wisconsin. AHEC offers a mix of live in-person, live virtual, or virtual on-demand options to accommodate a variety of schedules and topic interests.

4. Skills Advancement

Complete a skills advancement training from a selection including a number of certification options to better prepare you for your career and to enhance your resume.

5. Field Placement

Get hands-on experience with a 40-hour community-based field placement. Clinical placements coordinated through your academic program may be counted toward this requirement. Your AHEC Scholars Advisor will work with you to approve an existing field placement/internship or to find a placement that matches your interests and career goals.

6. Program Evaluation

Participate in an end-of-year program evaluation.

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