

Partner with AHEC

We hope you will partner with AHEC to help address Maine's health care and public health needs:

AHEC can:

- Support pipeline activities for middle and high school students.
- Assist preceptors and health professions students with clinical rotations.
- Deliver continuing education and training to your organization's health professionals.
- Assist in developing and delivering community and team-based learning activities for your health professions students.

You can:

- Promote the CUP AHEC Scholars Program to your health professions students.
- Participate in the Maine AHEC Advisory Committee.
- Partner on health immersions and other hands-on learning activities.

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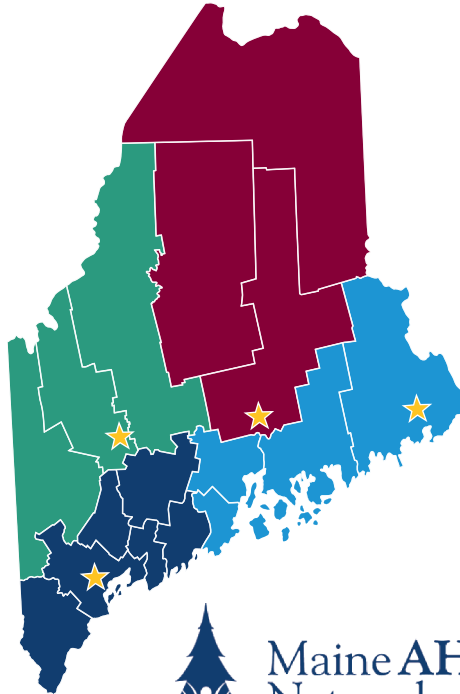
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Maine AHEC Network

Maine Area Health Education Center



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INNOVATION FOR A HEALTHIER PLANET

What is AHEC?

The Area Health Education Center (AHEC) network includes more than 300 program offices and centers spread across the United States. Maine's Program Office resides within the UNE Center for Excellence in Public Health. It works closely with Maine's three Regional AHEC Centers to address health care workforce needs across the state.

AHEC'S MISSION

AHEC is committed to enhancing health equity and reducing health disparities among underserved populations through team and community based experiential education and strategic partnerships.

AHEC AT UNE

We fulfill our mission by:

- Providing community-based clinical training experiences to health professions students.
- Encouraging Maine youth to pursue careers in the health professions.
- Offering training and continuing education programs to practicing health professionals.
- Developing public health approaches to address current and emerging community needs.

5,000+ INDIVIDUALS
engaged in Maine per year

AHEC in Maine

PIPELINE PROGRAMS

These programs expose middle and high school students to health careers while encouraging them to pursue post-secondary education in health care fields. Programming includes job shadowing, career fairs, camps, panel presentations, and other hands-on, innovative opportunities engaging more than 700 students a year.

85% OF PIPELINE
PARTICIPANTS
are from rural and/or medically
underserved communities in Maine

CARE FOR THE UNDERSERVED (CUP) SCHOLARS

This 2-year, extracurricular program helps graduate-level health professions students gain the leadership skills to succeed in their future health care fields. The program includes rural health immersions, Maine-based case competitions, and various clinical and community experiences. Through these activities, students learn how social determinants affect the health of a community, how to care for rural and underserved communities, and how different members of a health care team interact to meet patient needs.



COMMUNITY BASED EXPERIENTIAL TRAINING

Part of AHEC's mission includes developing and implementing population health focused training modules that enhance the service learning and clinical experiences for Maine health professions students. For example, the Reproductive Health Leadership Program enhances student skills in providing contraception counseling through classroom learning, discussion, and hands on activities. AHEC is always exploring ways to support hands-on learning for health professions students in Maine.

4,000 MAINE HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS
per year receive continuing education
through AHEC

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

AHEC's continuing education and training programs help Maine health care professionals improve the quality of care they deliver to medically underserved and rural communities throughout the state. These experiences focus on helping providers understand the social determinants of health, strengthening their cultural competency, and developing their interprofessional practice skills.

AHEC also supports Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) learning events.