



About the Mountain Area Health Education Center's (MAHEC) NC AHEC Scholars Program

Would you like to be a part of a group of progressive health professionals committed to community service, health parity, academic excellence and the transformation of health care in western North Carolina?

The NC AHEC Scholars Program at MAHEC recruits, trains and supports a diverse group of college students from western North Carolina, creating a multidisciplinary team of future health professionals committed to both community service and the transformation of health care in our region.

With an emphasis on students from underrepresented minorities, disadvantaged and rural backgrounds, and first-generation college students, the NC AHEC Scholars Program aims to improve the diversity and distribution of all health professions and to support health systems transformation across the state. Each class of AHEC Scholars at MAHEC represents a variety of health professions and institutions from western North Carolina.

MAHEC is the largest Area Health Education Center (AHEC) in North Carolina, which evolved to address national and state concerns with the supply, retention and quality of health professionals. This program is a partnership with AHECs across the state of North Carolina, the MedServe Fellowship Program (<http://www.med-serve.org>), AmeriCorps VISTA and other statewide and regional partners.

Selected applicants participate in a two-year educational program and will receive a stipend for travel and expenses. Each AHEC Scholar will receive a NC AHEC Scholars Certificate, setting you apart from other students in an increasingly competitive environment. Selected scholars will also have the chance to meet leaders in health care and make connections with other participants, creating an invaluable network for your future career in health care.

The NC AHEC Scholars Experience

This experience is co-created and co-taught by faculty and staff from across the state. There is a two-year commitment that provides 40 hours of didactics and 40 hours of clinical work each year, including exposure to real-life clinical situations in MAHEC's Simulation Center. The Simulation Center provides the opportunity for students to use interactive, life-like mannequins and task trainers in a structured, risk-free, learning environment. Experience in community clinical settings is also a foundational component of the program. Scholars develop new skills, experiences and strategies to improve both access and delivery of health care.

The program will begin in September and run through May each year, beginning in 2019-21. The curriculum will offer learning opportunities in collaborative care, written and oral communication, cultural competency, professionalism, medical ethics, and critical thinking, and will address current health care topics such as:

- Wellness and Disease Prevention (Obesity, Tobacco, Domestic Violence, etc.)
- Social Determinates of Health
- Behavioral Health and Substance Use
- Community Health and Advocacy
- HIV
- Chronic Conditions (Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease, Hypertension, Autoimmune, etc.)
- End of Life Issues

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

NC AHEC Scholars must:

- Be enrolled in a college-level health professions education training program in North Carolina by August 31, 2019
- Have reliable access to Wi-Fi
- Have reliable transportation
- Be eligible to work inside the United States

REQUIREMENTS

Each NC AHEC Scholar must:

- Be committed to the program for a total of two years
- Complete 40 hours of didactic training each year of the program
- Complete 40 hours of experiential training each year of the program

Your certification as an AHEC Scholar will signify that you have additional knowledge, skills, and experiences that will give you an advantage in moving forward in your chosen health profession.

If you have questions or need additional information contact Jacquelyn Hallum, MBA, MHA, Director Health Careers and Diversity Education 828.257.4479 jacquelyn.hallum@mahec.net or Jasmine Phillips, BS, Program Assistant at 828.407.2599 healthcareers@mahec.net.

Application Deadline is Friday, June 14, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.

2019 NC AHEC SCHOLARS APPLICATION

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Part 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Date of Birth MM/DD/YYYY

Gender

Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

PERMANENT/HOME ADDRESS

Street Address

Apartment #

City

State

Zip Code

CURRENT/LOCAL ADDRESS

Street Address

Apartment #

City

State

Zip Code

CONTACT INFORMATION

Cell Phone

Home or Alternative Phone

Email Address*

*This will be the primary address for contacting you during the application process. Please use a personal email address and *NOT* a school email address. We want to keep in touch with you after the program, and you may lose access to your school email.

RACE (select all that apply)

☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native

☐ Hispanic or Latino

☐ Asian

☐ Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

☐ Black or African American

☐ White/Caucasian

☐ Other (please specify) _____

ETHNICITY

☐ Hispanic/Latino

☐ Non-Hispanic

LANGUAGES:

Do you speak any languages other than English?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If YES, what language(s)? _____

Part 2: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

Name of High School

Graduation Year

City

State

County

COLLEGE EDUCATION

College/University/Community College you are currently attending

Anticipated Graduation Date

City

State

County

☐ Allied Health

☐ Athletic Training

☐ Dental Hygiene

☐ Emergency Med/Paramedic

☐ Medical Assistant

☐ Nursing

☐ Nutrition/Dietician

☐ OT Assistant

☐ Pharmacy Tech

☐ Physical Therapy Assistant

☐ Public Health

☐ Radiography

☐ Rec Therapy

☐ Respiratory Therapist

☐ Social Worker

☐ Other (please specify):

Specific Specialty, if applicable: _____

HONORS/SCHOLORSHIPS/EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITES

What academic honors and/or scholarships have you received?

What extra activities have participated in and/or what jobs have you had?

Part 3: FAMILY/BACKGROUND

Are you the first generation in your family to attend college?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Will you be the first in your family to receive a degree?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If applicable, describe any family or personal hardships or unique circumstances you would like to share?

Part 4: INTEREST INFORMATION

How did you learn about the NC AHEC Scholars Program?

Have you participated in AHEC health careers programs

☐ Yes

☐ No

(For example: summer camps, conferences, academic enrichment programs)

If yes, which AHEC, the program name, and the dates attended:

Indicate other programs that you have participated in:

☐ Medical Education Development Program (MED)

☐ NCAHEC Health Careers Passport Program

☐ Science Enrichment Preparation Program (SEP)

☐ Other (please specify):

Part 5: ESSAY

Respond to one of the essay questions below in 300 to 500 words. Please be sure to answer all parts of the question.

ESSAY 1

Describe your background and career goals. Explain any unusual aspects of your preparation and/or record. How do you feel the AHEC Scholars Program will be of benefit to you in accomplishing your academic and career goals?

ESSAY 2

Tell us about your proudest achievement, a time where you built something meaningful or important or made a significant contribution in the health field or in community service.

ESSAY 3

Why are you pursuing a health profession and what do you think is the most important aspect of a health care professional's career?

Part 5: ESSAY (continued)

Which essay prompt are you responding to?

- ☐ Essay 1
- ☐ Essay 2
- ☐ Essay 3

Part 6: LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Please attach two letters of reference from teachers/faculty, community leaders, mentors, etc., and provide your references' contact information below.

Reference 1

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
Relationship to you: _____

Reference 2

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
Relationship to you: _____

Part 7: CITIZENSHIP

NOTICE: Federal law requires all employers to verify the identity and employment eligibility of all persons hired to work in the United States. This employer participates in E-Verify. Click [here](#) for more information.

AVISO: La Ley Federal le exige a todos los empleadores que verifiquen la identidad y elegibilidad de empleo de toda persona contratada para trabajar en los Estados Unidos. Haga [clic aquí](#) para obtener más información.

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Application Packet Includes:

- 1. Complete application**
- 2. Official transcript that includes weighted GPA/class rank**
- 3. Two Recommendation Letters**
- 4. Updated resume**

Mail or Deliver Completed Application Packet to:

**AHEC SCHOLARS PROGRAM
MAHEC Health Careers
Center for Health Professions Education
125 Hendersonville Road
Asheville, NC 28803**

**The application packet and recommendations must be
received on or before Friday, June 14, 2019 before 5:00 p.m.**

Possible Requirements After Acceptance into the Program

- ☐ Tetanus booster within the past ten years
- ☐ Measles vaccination (if participant was born after 1957)
- ☐ Rubella immunization (unless Participant provides serologic confirmation of immunity)
- ☐ Mumps immunization (unless Participant provides serologic confirmation of immunity)
- ☐ Intradermal, protein-derivative-type tuberculin skin test within the past twelve months (unless Participant is known to have an allergic or positive reaction to same, in which case a chest X-ray is required)
- ☐ Hepatitis B vaccination series (unless Participant signs an appropriate declination form)
- ☐ Varicella immunization (unless Participant provides serologic confirmation of immunity)
- ☐ Influenza vaccination(s)
- ☐ Prior to the **AHEC Scholars clinical experience**, students must complete and submit a urine drug screen (minimum drug screening requirements include testing completed at a CAP or SAMSHA certified lab using a nine panel test including marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines, benzodiazepines, PCP (phencyclidine), opiates, methadone, barbiturates, and propoxyphene.)
- ☐ Copy of Photo ID