

WEST TEXAS AHEC
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AHEC
SCHOLARS



Panhandle AHEC

What is an AHEC?

Area Health Education Center

- AHEC stands for Area Health Education Center
- More than 300 nationwide
- AHECs ignite an interest in health careers, train future healthcare professionals and transform healthcare in rural and underserved areas.

Goal

Recognizing the unique challenges faced by rural and underserved areas, AHECs focus on strengthening healthcare access in these communities through development of the healthcare workforce.



Panhandle Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

Our Mission

To address the healthcare provider shortage and improve healthcare access in the top 20 counties of the Texas Panhandle through education and development of the healthcare workforce.

What We Do

To improve access to healthcare in rural and underserved communities, we:

- Encourage students to go into healthcare careers
- Provide education and training on issues affecting rural and underserved areas
- Support continuing education for healthcare professionals



AHEC Scholars



The AHEC Scholars program is a grant funded through the Health Resource and Service Administration (HRSA).

NATIONAL AHEC ORGANIZATION

The AHEC Scholars program is a national program.



Interested applicants should have a current interest in rural or underserved healthcare, and be currently enrolled in an eligible health professions degree or certificate program.



The AHEC Scholars program selects students who in eligible academic are interested in enhancing their education and experiences beyond the classroom.



Scholars gain knowledge and experiences in patient-centered team-based care and learn about unique challenges that face underserved rural and/or urban communities.

Scholar requirement for each year of the AHEC Scholars program include:

Clinical Training

40 hours of community-based, experiential, or clinical training in Texas rural and/or underserved areas and populations.

The clinical training used to meet your academic requirements may count for your AHEC Scholar clinical requirement.

Online Learning

40 hours self-paced online education focusing on the following core topic areas:

- Interprofessional Education
- Behavioral Health Integration
- Social Determinants of Health
- Cultural Competency
- Practice Transformation
- Current and Emerging Health Issues

Online Surveys

- Pre-survey
- Post-survey
- 3rd year follow up survey



Additional AHEC Scholar Requirements

Scholar Event

AHEC Scholar Orientations

Mental Health First
Aid Certificate

AHEC Scholar year two requirement, optional for one-year scholars, certification good for three years.



Benefits to being an AHEC Scholar



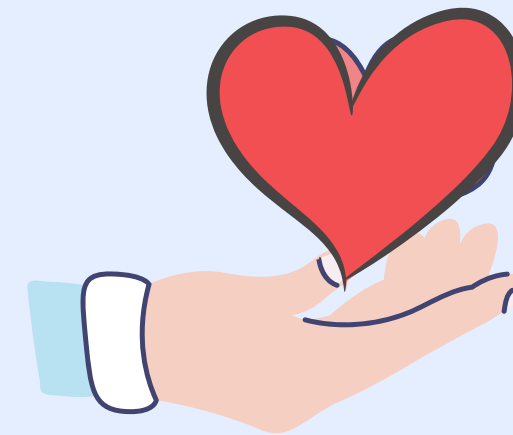
\$800 Stipend Payment

Panhandle AHEC Scholars will earn an \$800 stipend upon completion of each year of the AHEC Scholars program to be paid as soon as that year's requirements are completed.



Interprofessional Education

Connection with Scholars from other institutions and health professions programs, opportunities to connect with students across the country and present to national audiences.



Resources

Snacks, workroom space and supplies, study space; assistance with other academic needs.



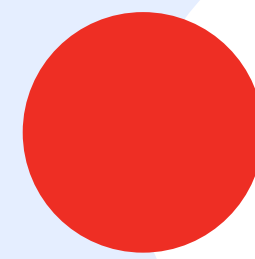
Fun!

Encouragement, events, meals, messages, visits, photos, recognition!

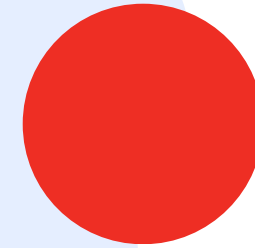


Approved Healthcare Disciplines that are eligible to apply:

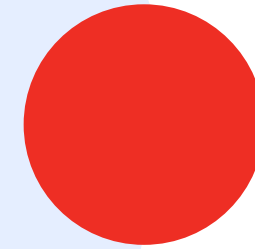
**AHEC Scholars program duration is
one year for certificate programs
or
two years for undergraduate and
graduate programs,
with some exceptions.
Contact us for questions.**



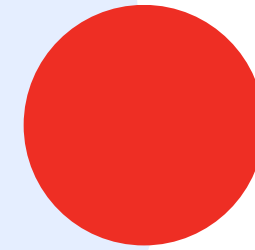
Dental Professions -
Dentist, Dental Assistant, Dental Hygienist



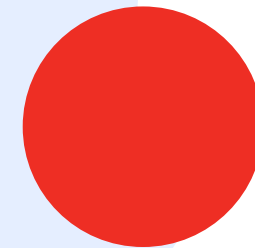
Nursing Professions -
Licensed Vocational Nurse,
Registered Nurse, Nurse Practitioner



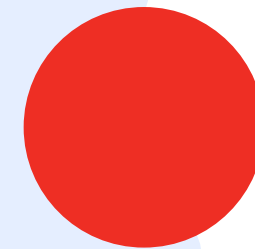
Medicine - Physician Assistant,
Medical Doctor,
Doctor of Osteopathy



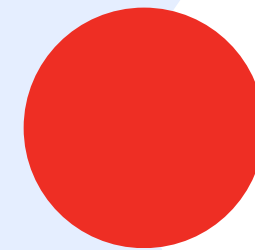
Therapy Professions -
Respiratory Therapy,
Speech Pathology



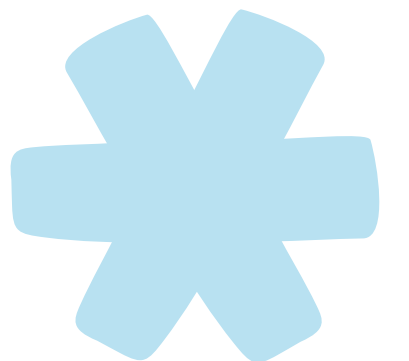
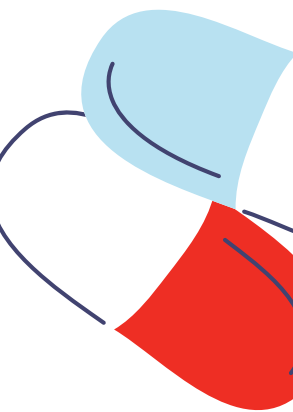
Allied Health - Radiology Technologist



Behavioral Health -
Social Work, Public Health



Pharmacy



Eligibility or Questions

Please complete the application in a Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Mozilla Firefox web browser, on a Microsoft Windows based desktop or laptop computer only. Apple products and/or iPhone mobile devices are not currently supported.

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Review eligibility and program requirements at [AHEC Scholars](#)

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If you have questions about eligibility or the program, contact us by completing AHEC scholar interest form at:
https://wtamuw.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8oDZQ9l1FjT0Twq



Next Steps

Please complete the application in a Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Mozilla Firefox web browser, on a Microsoft Windows based desktop or laptop computer only. **Apple and/or iPhone mobile devices are not currently supported.**

The AHEC Scholars program is competitive! Please fill out the application with as much detail as possible, so the Panhandle AHEC Advisory Board has plenty of information to rate you on your skills, accomplishments, and goals!

Apply

Please complete the application in a Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Mozilla Firefox web browser, on a Microsoft Windows based desktop or laptop computer only.

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If you are ready to apply to the AHEC scholars program, [click here to apply](#) or scan QR code.



Make sure to select **PH-Panhandle AHEC** as the AHEC location you are applying to.

Notification letters will be sent in September.

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