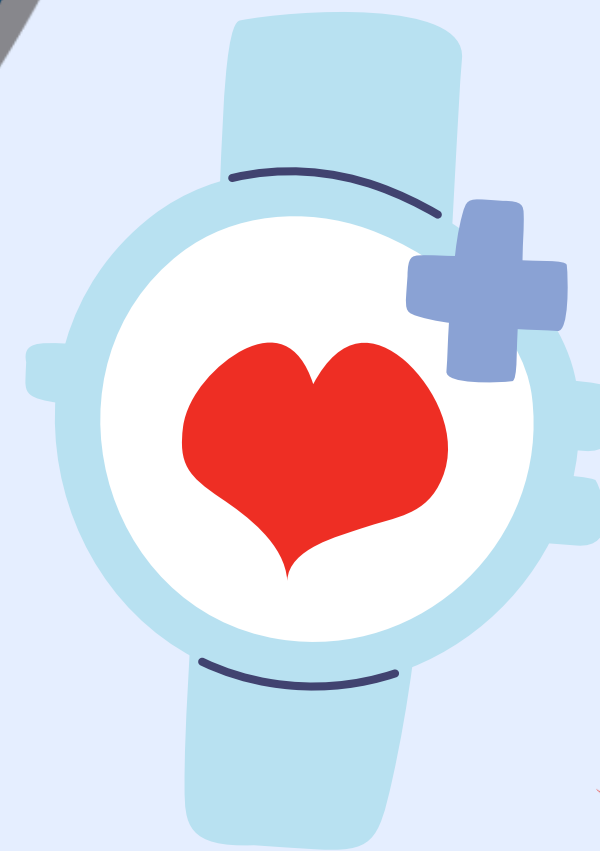
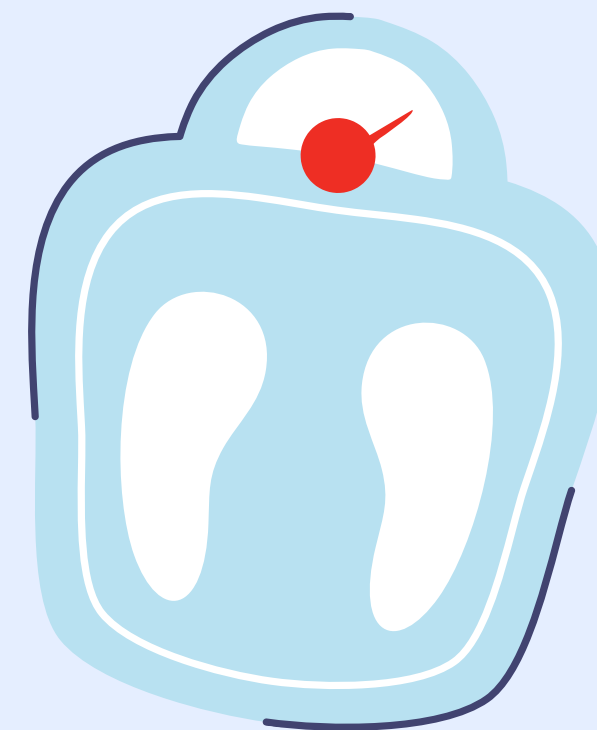




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**Transforming
Healthcare
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What is an AHEC?

Area Health Education Center

AHECs are resources for students and other career seekers interested in health careers, and for communities and providers who want to improve the health of their communities.

Goal

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

Panhandle 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

Panhandle AHEC works closely with high schools, community colleges and universities, community-based healthcare professionals, and community leaders who share the same interests in addressing the healthcare provider shortage.

AHEC Scholars



The AHEC Scholars program was developed as a national program grant funded through the Health Resource and Service Administration (HRSA).



The AHEC Scholars program selects students from eligible certificate, undergraduate, and graduate health professions programs who 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.



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.



Program duration is one year for certificate programs and two years for undergraduate and graduate programs, with some exceptions.



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Each year of the AHEC Scholars program includes



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Clinical Training

40 hours of community-based, experiential, or clinical training in rural and/or underserved areas. The clinical training used to meet your academic requirements may count for your AHEC Scholar clinical requirement.

Online Learning

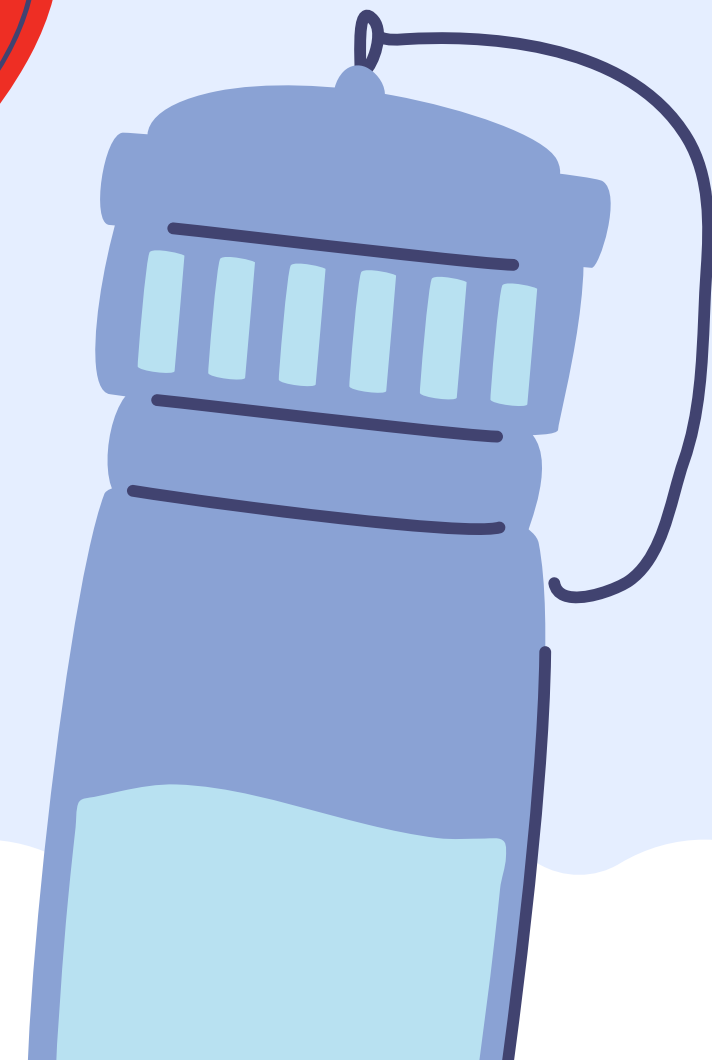
40 hours self-paced online education focusing on the following core topic areas

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



Financial Assistance

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.



Other Requirements

Mental Health First Aid Certificate

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

Online Surveys

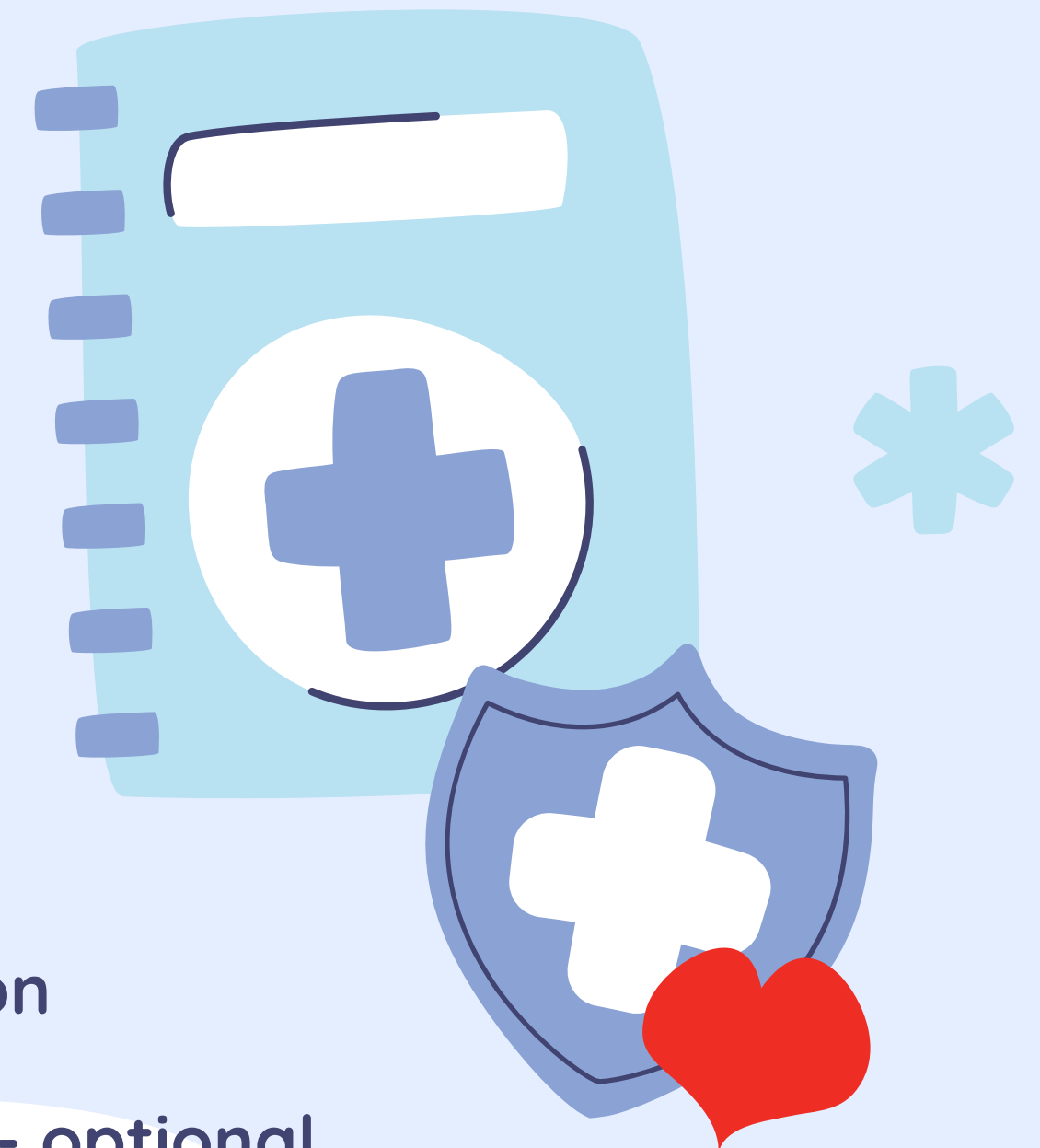
- Pre-survey
- Post-survey
- 3rd year follow up survey

Rotation Logs

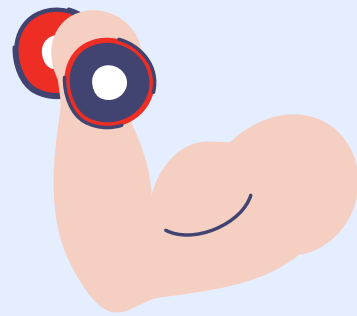
Texas, rural and/or medically underserved population sites

Scholar Events

September - AHEC Scholar Orientation
April - End of Year Celebration
Fall & Spring Scholar Study Sessions - optional

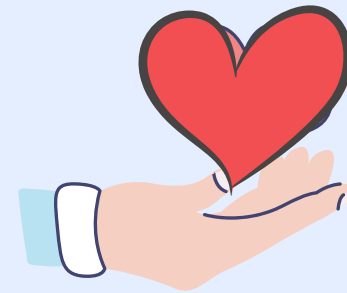


Other Benefits



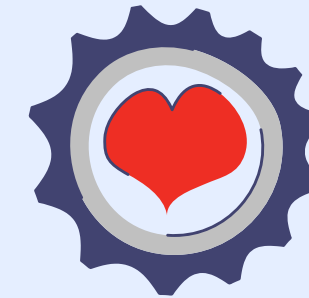
Interprofessionalism

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, social, and emotional needs

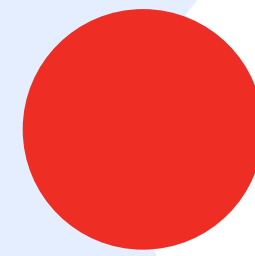


Fun!

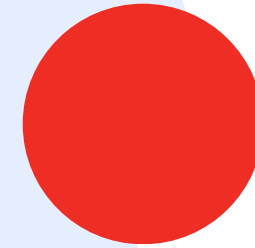
Encouragement, events, meals, messages, visits, photos, recognition!



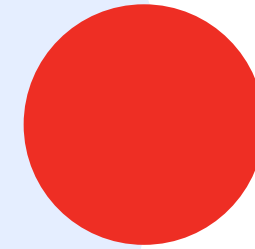
Approved Healthcare Disciplines



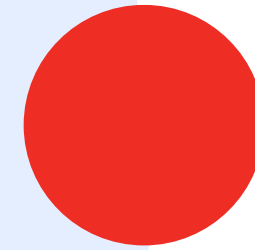
Dental Professions -
Dentist, Dental Assistant, Dental Hygienist



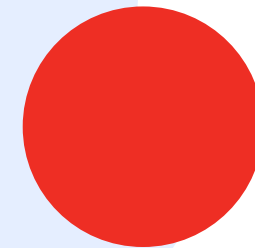
Nursing Professions -
Licensed Vocational Nurse,
Registered Nurse, Nurse Practitioner



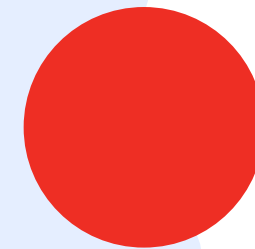
Medicine - Physician Assistant,
Medical Doctor,
Doctor of Osteopathy



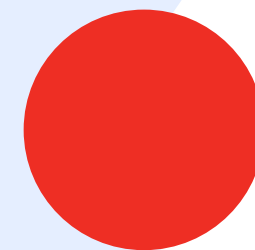
Therapy Professions -
Respiratory Therapy, Speech Pathology



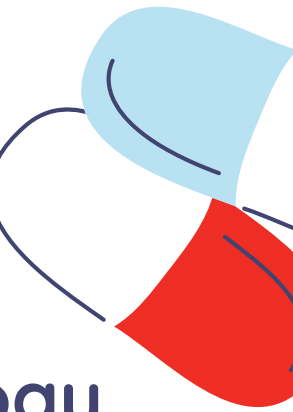
Allied Health - Radiology Technologist



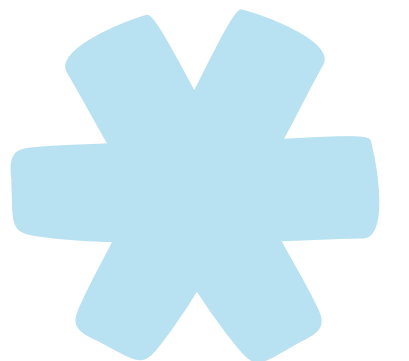
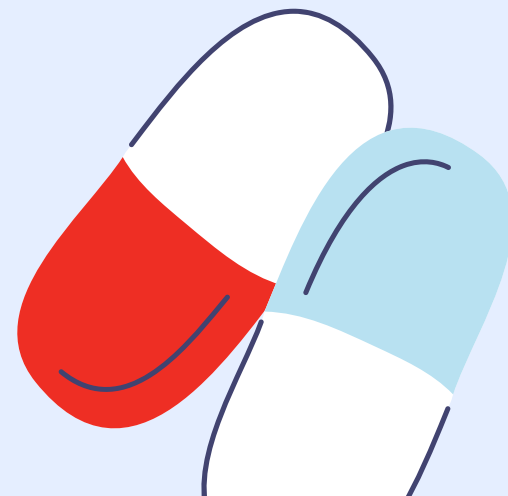
Behavioral Health -
Social Work, Public Health



Pharmacy



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Next Steps



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Review eligibility,
program requirements
and benefits

2

[Click here to apply online!](#)
Applications due
September 9, 2025

3

Letters of acceptance
sent the week of
September 15, 2025

4

AHEC Scholars program
begins with orientations
in late September 2025

If needed, paste this address into your web browser:

<https://texastechuniversityhealthsciencesc.my.site.com/AHECScholarApplication/s/>

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 mobile devices are not currently supported.

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



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