AHEC Activities in Congressional Districts 6 and 8
Recruitment, training, and retention of the health care workforce, leading to healthier people and prospering communities

The Wisconsin AHEC system improves the supply, distribution, diversity, and quality of health care professionals — improving access to health care in the state’s rural and underserved areas.

Health Careers Education

Health Careers Curriculum NEWAHEC co-developed a hands-on health careers curriculum with 16 units covering over 80 different health professions. Last academic year:
- 105 presentations in 35 schools totaling 3,138 students throughout NEWAHEC’s 11-county region

Health Careers Academy NEWAHEC in partnership with Lakeshore Technical College provides a pre-health care health careers academy. Students in rural school districts have access to 4 online college-level healthcare classes. To date, sole funding for the Academy has come from NEWAHEC.
Last academic year:
- 78 students took courses
- 15 schools in 2 counties participated
- 5 summer work-based learning internships available

Health Careers Exploration

Summer Health Careers Camps Each summer NEWAHEC offers two, week-long high school health careers camps, one in the Lakeshore (since 2005) and one in the Fox Valley (since 2007), in partnership with the Lakeshore and Fox Valley Health Care Alliances.
- Each year 40 students participate in the 2 camps
- A total of 276 students have participated
- 75% of campers who have completed high school have declared a health careers major in college
- Currently there are 34 former summer campers working in health profession careers

Health Careers Experience Events and Job Shadows NEWAHEC partners with the Lakeshore and Fox Valley Health Care Alliances to provide high school students with health career experiences and job shadowing opportunities. NEWAHEC manages both programs. Last academic year:
- 840 students attended a 3 hour health careers experience
- 28 career experience events where offered from 8 different health care facilities
- 36 students then went on to complete an individual job shadow

Healthcare Workforce Development

Health Care Alliances NEWAHEC has been a leader in the development of the Lakeshore, Fox Valley and Greater Green Bay Health Care Alliances. The alliances analyze future healthcare staffing needs, develop new training programs, and offer K-16+ health career exploration opportunities.
- NEWAHEC staff chairs the LSHCA & FVHCA career experience and job shadowing committees
- NEWAHEC provides web site support for two of the regional alliances

Health Professions Student Training

Medical Student Training NEWAHEC provides community health service projects for medical and public health students. Last year:
- NEWAHEC coordinated community health service projects for 10 medical students and 3 masters of public health students
- 13 students completed 1,824 hours of community health service

AHEC Alumni Association NEWAHEC co-developed an alumni association for all students who participated in an AHEC-sponsored health careers exploration program. The association provides networking opportunities for students and creates a state-wide support system for health professions training programs.
- 56 students attended the 1st annual AHEC alumni event (Fall 2012)
- NEWAHEC is planning a regional alumni event for fall 2013