AHEC Activities in Northwest Wisconsin AHEC
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.

FEATURED PROGRAMS:

Health Careers Summer Camp—June 15-19, 2014
Available to high school students living in the NW Wisconsin AHEC counties of Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, St Croix and Washburn. Students spend the week engaging in hands-on projects, field trips and tours to a variety of health care facilities and academic institutions. A large variety of health professionals speak to, and work with, the students to provide a realistic and educational understanding of many health careers. Partners include WITC and Sacred Heart Health System.

Medical Discovery Days (MDD)
Partnership with the Ladysmith Health Care Academy and Northwest CEP Inc.
Partnerships with the Ladysmith Health Care Academy and Northwest CEP Inc. provides, to students from area high schools, an experiential series of field trips to academic & healthcare institutions and students participate in HOSA competitive events. The activities provided are designed to help students identify clear pathways to high demand rural healthcare careers.

High School Health Career Presentations
Throughout the school year, NWAHEC staff/consultants provide, as requested, a variety of hands-on presentations to all 45 school districts within the 11-county NWAHEC district. These presentations are designed to educate students about the diverse health care career options available to them.

Wisconsin Express (annual program; May 18-23, 2014)
This week-long cultural immersion program involves health professions students from all majors nearing completion of their degree/certification. This is an intense study of health care in northwestern Wisconsin, which includes living and working in the diverse communities and cultures. Every year, NWAHEC hosts 2 Wisconsin Express sites (Ashland and Rusk/Barron)—emphasizing the Native American, Somali, and economic-depressed communities in our northwestern, rural Wisconsin area.

UW Health Profession Student Clerkships/Externships/Projects
Assistance is provided by NWAHEC staff/consultants to UW medical students who need clerkship/externship sites and then when they choose placement in northwest Wisconsin, AHEC assists them in the development of required local projects. NWAHEC also supports research projects such as evidence-based practice in northwestern Wisconsin public-health-related agencies.

Continuing Education for Health Professionals
Continuing education offerings are specifically designed for nurses, certified medical assistants, certified nursing assistants, home health care and public health professionals, as well as other health care professionals. Topics include, but are not limited to veterans’ mental health, aging, diabetes, antimicrobial resistance, Affordable Care Act, poverty, health literacy, communications, cultural and economic diversity and many more. NWAHEC partners with WITC, UW Superior and UW Extension.