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Feature Program: The Pulse - The Heartbeat of Your Career

THE PULSE



The Heartbeat of Your Career

In the summer of 2017 Northwest Wisconsin AHEC (NWAHEC) is introducing The Pulse: The Heartbeat of Your Career. The Pulse is a 4-day healthcare career exploration experience for high school students from St. Croix County. Students will ENRICH their passion for the healthcare industry, ENGAGE in hands-on activities, and CONNECT to local professionals, and their communities. The Pulse will feature tours and job shadowing opportunities at local hospitals, clinics, chiropractors, a cancer center and tours of the health sciences programs at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College and the University of Minnesota in St. Paul. Northwest Wisconsin AHEC is in partnership with Workforce Resource, Inc. and the St. Croix Valley Youth Apprenticeship Consortium. The inaugural Pulse program will take place from June 12-15, 2017. For more information about the program visit www.nwwisconsinahec.org/ThePulse.

Bad River Healthcare Exploration

In May 2017, Northwest Wisconsin AHEC coordinated the first healthcare exploration event specifically for tribal youth and members of the Bad River Tribe, located east of Ashland, WI. The event, designed for middle and high school youth, features tours of healthcare careers that are located on the Bad River reservation and opportunities that students can pursue for future careers. Tours take place at the Bad River Community Health Center.



Bad River Community Health Clinic
badriverhealth.org

Northwest AHEC Career Consultation

The transition from college to career can produce confusion and stress for students. Northwest WI AHEC alleviates this stressful time by providing career consultation at no cost to any health sciences student within the NWAHEC region. Consultation activities include resume development and review, interviewing tips and mock interviews, job search assistance and much more. The NWAHEC website also contains links to the employment pages of the region's major healthcare employers.



nwwisconsinahec.org/career-consultation

Medical Discovery Days (MDD)

Since 2007, Northwest Wisconsin AHEC has sponsored Medical Discovery Days in partnership with Northwest Wisconsin CEP. Medical Discovery Days, designed for high school students from area high schools, an experiential series of field trips to academic & healthcare institutions and student participation in HOSA competitive events. The activities provided are designed to help students identify clear pathways to high demand rural healthcare careers.



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