

WISCONSIN AHEC SCHOLARS PROGRAM

2020-21 PROGRAM OVERVIEW: COHORT 3

JOIN A NATIONAL COHORT OF OVER 4,000 AHEC SCHOLARS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

As an AHEC Scholar, you can set yourself apart in an ever-changing and increasingly competitive healthcare system with a nationally recognized program.

THIS TWO-YEAR PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS STUDENTS TO:

- Increase leadership skills and build your professional network
- Broaden scope of practice and learn strategies to become a better practitioner
- Understand and address social determinants of health in rural and underserved communities
- Recognize the role of practice transformation in addressing health and public health issues



WHAT MAKES WI AHEC SCHOLARS UNIQUE?

- Prepares and promotes a diverse, skilled primary care workforce in rural and underserved communities throughout Wisconsin
- Flexible and complimentary to existing curriculum
- Work in team-based environments that foster inclusivity and focus on patient-centered care
- Learn and understand the unique challenges that face underserved and rural Wisconsin populations when accessing care and achieving good health status

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- Currently enrolled in an approved health professions degree program: dentistry, medicine, mental health counseling (or similar program), nursing, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, public health, registered dietician (or similar program; graduate-level only), social work
- On track to graduate in Spring 2022, Summer 2022, or Fall 2022
- Able to commit to active participation as an AHEC Scholar for two consecutive years while concurrently working towards your degree program
- Interest in working in a rural and/or underserved area within Wisconsin upon graduation

EARN A CUMULATIVE \$1,000 STIPEND OVER THE COURSE OF YOUR WI AHEC SCHOLARS COMMITMENT AS YOU ACHIEVE PROGRAM MILESTONES

Learn more and apply to join our WI AHEC Scholars Program: <https://ahec.wisc.edu/scholars/>



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LEARNING ACTIVITY CHECKLIST



As part of the WI AHEC Scholars program, students must successfully participate, at a minimum, in the following learning activities that are focused on rural and underserved populations and communities, equating to 40 hours of didactic and 40 hours of community-based experiential learning per year.

COMPONENT 1: REGIONAL CENTER COHORT ORIENTATION

- Complete in Year 1. Complete in Year 2.

COMPONENT 2: WI AHEC SCHOLARS DIDACTIC

- Complete **3 of 6 core topic modules** in Year 1 and **remaining 3 core topic modules** in Year 2.

Y1	Y2	Core Topics	Y1	Y2	Core Topics
		Interprofessional Education			Cultural Competency
		Behavioral Health Integration			Practice Transformation
		Social Determinants of Health			Current and Emerging Health Issues

COMPONENT 3: WI AHEC WEBINARS

- Participate in at least 2 webinars in Year 1. Participate in at least 2 webinars in Year 2.

COMPONENT 4: COMMUNITY-BASED EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING (C-BEL)

- Participate in at least **one of the following each year** for a minimum of 40 hours. C-BEL activities must be in Wisconsin or a nearby community over state lines, include interprofessional practice, and be in or provide direct benefit to a rural and/or underserved community.

Y1	Y2	Activity Options
		Wisconsin Express
		Interprofessional Case Competition (IPCC)
		Community Health Internship Program (CHIP)
		Regional Center C-BEL opportunities
		Approved clinical rotation or placement through academic program
		Approved independent project: job shadowing, community research, etc.

COMPONENT 5: PROGRAM EVALUATION & ALUMNI SURVEY

- Complete Program Evaluation **at the end of your second year**.
- Complete WI AHEC Scholars Alumni Survey **during your first year as an alum**.



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