AHEC OBJECTIVES

1. Introduce health profession careers and/or academic enhancement to K-16 students with an emphasis on high school schools from a minority population or underserved area.

2. Provide health professions students and residents with clinical experiences in community-based settings, with an emphasis on rural and underserved settings.

3. Promote the optimal use of the healthcare workforce and improve quality of care delivered through interprofessional collaboration.

4. Strengthen the existing healthcare workforce in rural and underserved areas and support the retention of community-based health professionals.

MISSION STATEMENT

Improve the health of our communities by developing an interdisciplinary workforce prepared to address the health needs of rural and underserved communities of West Virginia.

WV AHEC provides education and training for:

- 3rd and 4th Year Medical Students, Primary Care Residents, Nurses, and Physician Assistants
- Professional and Para-professional disciplines: Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, Dietetics, Pharmacy, Clinical Psychology, and Physical and Occupational Therapy

WV AHEC addresses disparities in rural health and encourages cooperation between the community and the providers of rural health care

WV AHEC infrastructure consists of:

- 5 Regional Centers
- 456 Training Sites, 112 of which are located in HPSAs and MUAs or serve primarily underserved populations
- 743 rural field faculty

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WV AHEC has five regional AHEC Centers (Central, Eastern, Southern, Southeastern and Northern). Each Center works with local communities, preceptors and faculty to develop unique contributions and expertise in community-based health professions training in West Virginia.

Central Counties Area Health Education Center (CCAHPEC)
Phone: (304) 734-2040 ext 4

Center Director
Amber Crist, MS, CHES

Geographic Area — 4 Counties
Kanawha, Jackson, Roane, Clay
Main Office — Dawes, WV

Eastern Area Health Education Center (EAHEC)
Phone: (304) 596-6306

Executive Director
Aaron Henry
Interim Associate Director
Morgan Wright

Geographic Area — 9 Counties
Berkeley, Mineral, Grant, Morgan, Pendleton, Hardy, Tucker, Jefferson, Hampshire
Main Office — Martinsburg, WV

Southern WV Area Health Education Center (SWVAHEC)
Phone: (304) 397-0132

Center Director
Parr Thacker

Geographic Area — 5 Counties
Boone, McDowell, Mingo, Logan, Wyoming
Main Office — Gary, WV

Rural Rotations and Housing

If you are interested in a rural rotation in one of these regions, the housing coordinators can assist you with your housing needs.

Central Counties and Southeastern AHEC
Donna Bush (304) 465-2389

Eastern AHEC
Malinda Turner (304) 257-5812

Northern WV Rural Health Education Center
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