



AHEC Scholars Program

The AHEC Scholars Program is designed as a supplement to undergraduate students' existing health professionals program to learn interprofessional team-based education with both urban and rural populations in underserved communities.

AHEC Scholars will be engaged with numerous activities addressing social determinants of health, health disparities and an opportunity to learn through hands-on experiential training.

AHEC Scholars will be working primarily at a partnering university and in local communities for a more personal experience.

Regional activities, at NEOMED, are also a part of the AHEC Scholars Program experience. Make sure to wear comfortable clothes for the unexpected!

NEOMED is located at 4209 State Route 44 in Rootstown, which is $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south of I-76 at exit 38A. The campus is 17 miles east of Akron, 40 miles southeast of Cleveland, 30 miles northeast from Canton and 31 miles west of Youngstown.

How to Apply

Directions for how to apply to the AHEC Scholars Program may be found at neomed.edu/AHEC. You may also contact the program office at the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) at NEOMED by calling toll free 1.800.686.2511 ext. 6584.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost?

There is no financial cost for the AHEC Scholars Program; only your time and expertise!

Will I work with a team?

Yes. Come meet students from a variety of fields and we will help you find a team that can utilize your talents.

Do I need any prior experience?

Nope! Health innovation relies on interdisciplinary collaboration, so students from all health profession disciplines are welcome. Skills from your peers can really help your work stand out from the crowd.

Where do I meet for activities?

Most of the time, you will meet with your center directors at your university for most programming. There will be times where you will need to come on the NEOMED campus or you can work from the comfort of your home.

Reward for your participation?

Stipends, based on availability, are given for those students who complete the full academic year. In addition, a completion certificate and other acknowledgement of participation are included!

For more information visit neomed.edu/AHEC.

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Connecting students to careers...professionals to communities...and communities to better health.



Stands for Jobs

NORTHEAST OHIO REGION III AHEC

The AHEC Scholars Program is a collaboration between the following universities:

Cleveland State University



Youngstown
STATE UNIVERSITY

The
University
of Akron

Northeast Ohio
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY



When is the AHEC Scholars Program?

The AHEC Scholars Program is a two-year engagement for health professions students. Activities occur each September to early May. Applications and deadlines for the AHEC Scholars Program will be available online in March for the following academic year.

Who is Eligible?

Applicants must be undergraduate students who will be entering their last two years of formal education and attend one of the partner institutions in Northeast Ohio.

First consideration is given to applicants from groups underrepresented in health care professions. NEOMED values diversity in its educational, research, service and health care missions and is committed to improving and advancing diversity among its students, faculty and staff. Selection of participants in the AHEC Scholars Program is conducted in a manner consistent with these values.

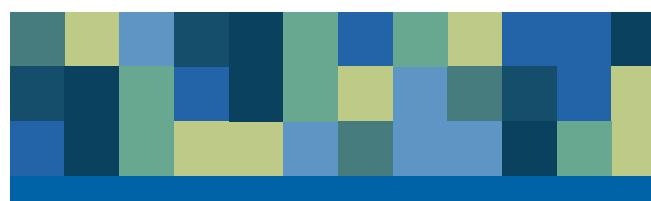
What is AHEC?

Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) was established to promote primary care practice and to educate students studying a health profession the needs of medically underserved populations.

AHEC supports undergraduate and graduate medical, nursing, pharmacy and allied health education for the recruitment, training and retention of health care professionals in urban and rural medically underserved areas.

The AHEC Program is linked through four community-based centers: the Akron-Region Interprofessional, the Canton Regional, Cleveland-Region Interprofessional and Eastern Ohio. The Centers plan and develop educational programs based on their assessment of local resources, health personnel needs and the interest of each community.

The AHEC Scholars Program is sponsored by Northeast Ohio AHEC Program Office, housed at NEOMED, and at its Centers. The AHEC Program is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration; Ohio's Department of Higher Education; by partner universities; and by local grants and program-generated funds.



AHEC Scholars Program: A Supportive Learning Community

At NEOMED

- ✓ Orientation
- ✓ Mid-year Activity
- ✓ End-of-Year Celebration

At Partner Universities

Focus Areas

- ✓ Poverty and Health
- ✓ Infant Mortality
- ✓ Health and Well-being
- ✓ Opioid/Substance Abuse
- ✓ SBIRT and Motivational Interviewing
...with other topics including cultural competency, behavioral and mental health, practice transformation, public health and current and emerging health issues.

In Your Community

- ✓ Team-based community experiential learning
- ✓ Collaboration with faculty/community preceptors
- ✓ Interaction with community members on important health issues
- ✓ Development of a community related activity or simulated practice opportunity

AHEC Scholar Benefits

- ✓ Access to health care professionals
- ✓ Research opportunities
- ✓ Building professional relationships with faculty members at your university and at NEOMED
- ✓ Resume-building experiences
- ✓ Free AHEC Scholars polo shirt
- ✓ Certificate of completion