



Maine AHEC Network

2022-2023 Health Workforce Program Highlight

3,068

AHEC Participants

The Area Health Education Centers' (AHEC) mission is to enhance access to quality healthcare, particularly primary and preventive care, by improving the supply and distribution of healthcare professionals through community/academic educational partnerships.

Pathway Programs

Pathway Programs (also known as Pipeline Programs) expose students to health careers and develop intent to pursue postsecondary education in primary healthcare.

1,026

Health Career Participants

Background - Percentage of Pathway Participants

92%

From Disadvantaged Background

58%

From Rural Background

28%

Under-represented Minority

Clinical Training

Clinical Training improves readiness, willingness, and ability of health professions trainees to serve in primary care, rural, and medically underserved community settings.

161

Facilitated Rotations

Location - Percentage of Clinical Training Sites

75%

Rural Areas

57%

Primary Care Settings

96%

Medically Underserved Communities

CUP AHEC Scholars

Care for the Underserved Pathways (CUP) AHEC Scholars is designed to prepare future health professionals with leadership skills to better serve rural and medically underserved communities in Maine. Additionally, 246 health professions students participated in interprofessional, community based experiential learning alongside Scholars in FY2023.

147

Active AHEC Scholar Students in the 2023 interprofessional cohort including:

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Pharmacy
- Social Work
- Physician Assistant
- Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Public Health

100%

Percentage of '2023 Scholars report confidence utilizing the knowledge and skills gained from the Program to provide health care to underserved

133

Total CUP AHEC Scholar Program Completers (2019-2023)

Continuing Education

Continuing Education provides health professionals with access to resources to improve the quality of care for medically underserved communities and populations with health disparities.

1,371

Continuing Education Participants Statewide



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In their words, the impact of participating in the AHEC Scholars Program on future health professionals:

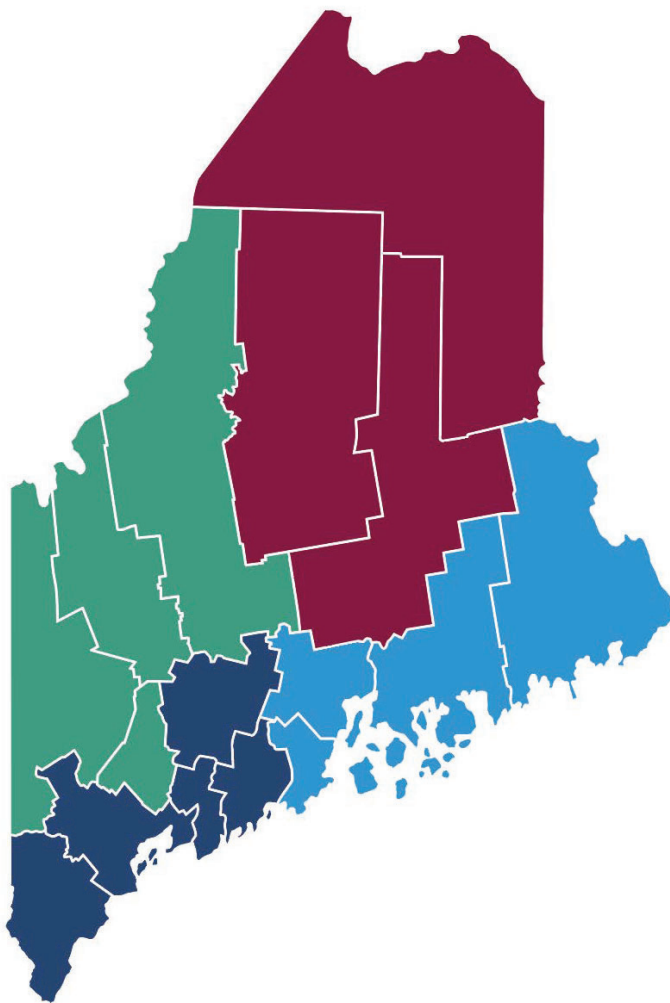


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"If we take a public health approach to medicine and look at the context in which our patients come to us, we can better influence not just their health but their entire quality of life."

- Fajar Alam, DO student Scholar

The map below highlights each of the Maine AHEC Network's Center and Program Office service areas.



Maine AHEC Centers

- Eastern Maine AHEC**
Healthy Acadia
Ellsworth, ME
- Western Maine AHEC**
Franklin Memorial Hospital
Farmington, ME
- Northern Maine AHEC**
Northern Light Health
Bangor, ME
- AHEC Program Office**
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