



Illinois Area Health Education Centers Network Program

MENU OF SELECT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



Pre-College Pipeline Activities

- Job shadowing experiences
- Scrub Exposure Tours – interactive programs for students providing unique exposure to health careers
- Mentorship and career advising
- Health care system tours
- Health career camps
- Classroom-based health careers presentations
- College preparation support

Health Professions Student Education

- CNA certification training
- Job shadowing
- Field placements
- Educational advocacy
- Offering support to students in navigating job placement and other career considerations
- Health career clubs

Community Immersion Experiences

- Rural/Underserved Health Experiences – a 3-5 day experience for college and graduate/professional students
- Rural Health Professions Summer Preceptorship – a six-week program that provides shadowing and culminates in a community service learning project

Health Professions Recruitment & Retention

- Community college-based health career clubs
- Job shadowing for current health professions students
- Field placements – assistance finding internships, apprenticeships, or community-based rotations required for school
- Health professions job placements
- Mentoring
- Nursing retention support program
- Continuing education
- Community faculty development

AHEC Scholars Program

AHEC scholars from different health care disciplines work together to complete a final community service learning project.

- Behavioral health
- Social determinants of health
- Cultural competency
- Practice transformation
- Interprofessional training and education
- Scholars participate in two summer institutes (one per year) in addition to completing an underserved health experience. Scholars are also matched with scholars from different health care disciplines to complete a final community service learning project.

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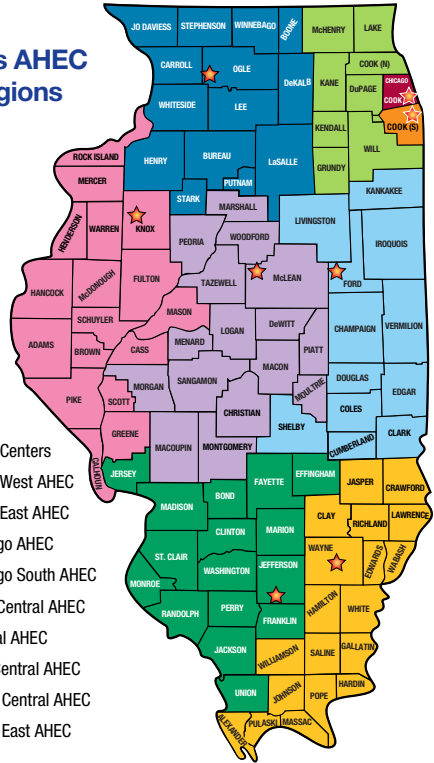
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