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STATEWIDE PROGRAM

AHEC SCHOLARS

Recruiting Soon for Alabama Statewide AHEC Scholars

The recruitment phase for the [Alabama Statewide AHEC Scholars program](#) is about to kick off! Aspiring healthcare students, get ready to embark on a transformative journey that combines education, community engagement, and hands-on experience. Alabama Statewide AHEC Scholars offers a unique opportunity to dive deep into interdisciplinary learning, preparing you for the dynamic landscape of modern healthcare. Stay tuned for more details on how you can join this prestigious program and become a part of the next generation of healthcare leaders!

[View Website for Updates](#)

AHEC Scholars Advisory Committee Meeting

Mark your calendars! The AHEC Scholars Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for **May 7th at 11 am**. Calling all passionate individuals interested in shaping the future of healthcare education and community outreach! If you're eager to contribute your insights and expertise, we invite you to join the committee. Contact us now to learn more about how you can play a pivotal role in guiding the AHEC Scholars program towards greater excellence and impact.

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Interdisciplinary Insights: AHEC Scholars Connect Across Distance

On April 3rd, a cohort of 17 AHEC Scholars convened virtually for a pivotal AHEC Scholars Networking event. This gathering aimed to transcend geographical boundaries, fostering connections and interdisciplinary collaboration among scholars statewide. Commencing with a spirited game of rural bingo, participants swiftly transitioned into purposeful breakout sessions, thoughtfully crafted to accommodate diverse communication styles. These intimate discussions provided scholars with a platform to share personal anecdotes and offer insights into their respective healthcare domains, fostering a deeper understanding among peers. As conversations unfolded, common threads emerged, highlighting shared experiences and challenges within the healthcare landscape. The event underscored the significance of cultivating a robust professional network to propel the future of interdisciplinary healthcare forward.

AHEC Scholars QPR Training Recap



In the AHEC Scholars Webinar session on Friday, April 26th, attendees delved into the critical realm of suicide prevention through QPR Training. With 18 eager participants, the session proved to be a profound exploration of best practices in suicide prevention, focusing on the QPR method: Question, Persuade, Refer.

Led by [Angela Sullivan, Ph.D.](#), a prominent figure in suicide prevention efforts serving as the board president of the [Alabama Suicide Prevention and Resources Coalition](#) and assistant professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health, the session provided invaluable insights.

Dr. Sullivan expertly dissected the QPR approach, offering attendees a comprehensive understanding of how to effectively intervene and support individuals in crisis.

The session covered an array of crucial topics, including the recognition of direct and indirect verbal cues, situational indicators, and behavioral changes—all key elements in detecting and addressing potential suicide risk.

Central to the training was the recognition that suicide prevention is a responsibility shared by all. Through QPR Gatekeeper Certificate Training, participants gained the confidence and skills necessary to identify warning signs, engage in crucial conversations, and navigate individuals towards appropriate resources and support systems.



ARCIPC Presents Infection Prevention Webinar

Alabama Statewide AHEC co-sponsored a webinar hosted by the **Alabama Regional Center for Infection Prevention and Control Training and Technical Assistance (ARCIPC)**, offering Continuing Education credits for nurses. Held on Thursday, April 11th at noon, the session featured **A.C. Burke, MA, CIC**, Vice President of **Healthcare Quality at RB Health Partners, Inc.**, as the keynote speaker. Titled "Beyond the Basics - Cleaning and Disinfection to Mitigate the Spread of Infectious Diseases including MDROs for Healthcare Facilities," the webinar provided a comprehensive review of essential components in environmental cleaning and disinfection programs for healthcare settings. Attendees gained insights into pathogen transmission, standardized protocols for nursing and housekeeping staff, effective room cleaning techniques, and evaluation practices to monitor protocol effectiveness. Highlighting recent studies, including a 16-week program in collaboration with long-term care facilities and critical access hospitals, the webinar underscored the importance of evidence-based practices in infection prevention and control.

If you attended and are having any issues obtaining the Continuing Education credits:

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On the Road with AHEC

AHEC's Presence at MASA Conference: Recruiting Physicians, APTIP Promotion



From April 11th to 13th, the [Medical Association of the State of Alabama's \(MASA\)](#) Annual Session convened in Montgomery, serving as a crucial platform for prioritizing physicians in our collective mission to promote better health, better lives, and a better Alabama.

Representing the Alabama Statewide AHEC Program Office was Paulisha Holt and Scott Boyd from the [East Central Alabama AHEC](#) Office. Their attendance underscored our commitment to fostering partnerships and enhancing healthcare education statewide.

At the conference, Scott and Paulisha engaged in vital recruitment efforts, seeking to bolster AHEC's preceptors program with skilled physicians dedicated to mentorship and education. They also shared invaluable insights about the [Alabama Preceptor Tax Incentive Program \(APTIP\)](#), spotlighting its potential to increase medical student training in rural and underserved counties in Alabama.

Their contributions exemplify our ongoing commitment to collaboration and excellence in healthcare education and practice. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to advance our mission of creating healthier communities throughout Alabama.

[Learn More About APTIP](#)



PRECEPTOR REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Register NOW for the Alabama Preceptor Tax Incentive Program (APTIP)

In 2023, Alabama legislature approved the **Alabama Preceptor Tax Incentive Program (APTIP)** to offer a tax deduction to uncompensated healthcare professions preceptors in our State. The goal of the APTIP is to increase medical student training in rural and underserved counties in Alabama.

Administered by the **Alabama Statewide AHEC Program Office**, APTIP provides a \$500 income tax credit incentive for each 160-hour clinical preceptorship rotation per calendar year for what would otherwise be unpaid work by community-based faculty preceptor positions.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)

Learning Opportunities

ARC IPC Webinar Strategies to Prevent the Spread of MDROs and the Application of Transmission-based Precautions

When: Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 12 pm CT

Where: Zoom

About This Event

This session will highlight key points from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for multi-drug resistant organisms (MDRO) and isolation precautions.

The webinar is presented by the [Alabama Regional Center for Infection Prevention and Control](#) and cosponsored by the [Deep South Center for Occupational Health and Safety](#), and the [Alabama Statewide Area Health Education Centers \(AHEC\)](#).



[Registration](#)

NRHA Annual Rural Health Conference

When: Tuesday - Friday, May 7-10, 2024,

Where: Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana

About This Event

Join [NRHA](#) and hundreds of rural health leaders from across the country down in the bayou to help raise the standard for rural health with over 80 innovative, practical, and cost-saving sessions and much more.



[Registration](#)

2024 American Indian/Alaska Native Healthcare Workforce Development Summit

When: Tuesday, May 7, 12-4pm CT
Wednesday, May 8, 12-4pm CT
Where: Zoom

AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE
HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT



About This Event

Consider this free, two-day virtual summit organized by the Indigenous Health, Education, and Resources Taskforce (IHEART) to discuss challenges and brainstorm solutions to promote AI/AN healthcare workforce development in all healthcare professions. A full agenda will be provided in the coming weeks.

[Registration](#)

ARC IPC Webinar Reporting Infectious Diseases & Outbreaks to the Alabama Department of Public Health

When: Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 1 pm CT
Where: Zoom

About This Event

This presentation will provide an overview of the reportable diseases and conditions required to be reported to the Infectious Diseases & Outbreaks (ID&O) Division within the Bureau of Communicable Diseases at the Alabama Department of Public Health.



The webinar is presented by the [Alabama Regional Center for Infection Prevention and Control](#) and cosponsored by the [Deep South Center for Occupational Health and Safety](#), and the [Alabama Statewide Area Health Education Centers \(AHEC\)](#).

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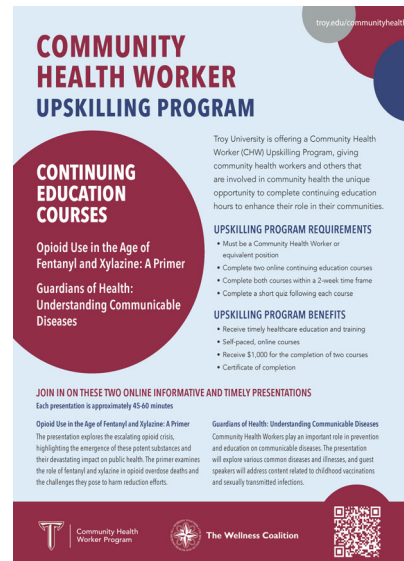
Community Health Worker Upskilling Program

About This Program

Troy University presents an opportunity for community health workers and other dedicated individuals invested in community well-being through its Community Health Worker (CHW) Upskilling Program. This initiative offers a platform for participants to elevate their skills and impact within their communities through continuing education sessions. In the upcoming weeks, the program will delve into crucial topics such as "Opioid Use in the Age of Fentanyl and Xylazine: A Primer" and "Guardians of Health: Understanding Communicable Diseases."

- **Receive timely healthcare education and training**
- **Self-paced, online courses**
- **Receive \$1,000 for the completion of two courses**
- **Certificate of completion**

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Narcan Training

When: Open Enrollment

Where: Online

About This Program

Sign up for the free online Naloxone training program, provided by the Jefferson County Department of Health. By gaining the necessary knowledge and abilities to administer Naloxone, you'll be equipped to reverse opioid overdoses and potentially make a life-saving difference.

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About Alabama Statewide AHEC



The Alabama Statewide Area Health Education Center is dedicated to recruiting, training, and retaining the Alabama healthcare workforce while increasing diversity among health professionals, broadening the distribution of the health workforce, enhancing the quality of care, and improving health care delivery to rural and underserved populations in Alabama.

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