Alabama Statewide AHEC Scholars Applications Open

Now recruiting for the Alabama Statewide AHEC Scholars program, applications close **September 15th**. Aspiring healthcare students can apply 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.

**Eligibility**
Currently be enrolled in a health professions program with a minimum 2.5 GPA in one of the following fields:

- Medicine (MD/DO)
- Dentistry
- Clinical Psychology (PhD)
- Physician Assistant
- Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Midwifery
- Pharmacy
- Optometry

[Apply Now!]
North Alabama AHEC's Board Chair, Dr. David Bramm, at the 2024 Rural Program Convocation

We are excited to share with our AHEC community that Dr. David L. Bramm, Chair of the North Alabama AHEC Board, has been honored with the prestigious “Sage” Distinguished Service Award by Rural Programs during the 2024 Rural Program Convocation. Dr. Bramm, a dedicated family physician and director of the Rural Medicine Program in Huntsville, Alabama, has made significant contributions to the education and training of students in family medicine. This award acknowledges his unwavering commitment and years of service in advancing rural healthcare. Congratulations to Dr. Bramm on this well-deserved recognition!

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Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences Opens 2026


The Alabama Statewide Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) will play a crucial role in this initiative by assisting with student recruitment, and offering preparatory programs. Additionally, AHEC will help students find hands-on opportunities in their home communities. Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences will open in 2026!
Urge your members of Congress to support federal funding for National AHEC Programs for Fiscal Year 2025!

The FY 2025 appropriations process was initiated in mid-March with the release of the Biden Administration’s President’s Budget Request (PBR) to Congress.

The FY 2025 PBR also requested $47 million for National AHEC programs. While we understand it is a fiscally challenging climate, we are continuing to urge for $67 million in funding for the AHEC program in FY 2025, which would align with the statutory language for the AHEC program.

If not $67 million, we urge Congress to provide the largest possible increase for the AHEC program in FY 2025. Reach out to your House Representative and two Senators to urge them to support $67 million or the largest possible increase for the AHEC Program in FY 2025!

**Take Action**

If you are unsure of who to contact, please follow the steps below.

Identify your Representative in the House and your two Senators in the Senate. You may find your House Representative [here](#) and your Senators [here](#).

Once you have identified your members, navigate to their congressional website to locate their Washington, DC office phone number. (This is normally located at the bottom of their official congressional page.)

With the office number in hand, call the appropriate office and ask to speak with the Health Appropriations Staffer. If that person is not available, ask to leave a voice mail and ask for the staffer’s email address.

**Suggested Advocacy Talking Points/Email Message**

As you contact offices, use the template below as a reference to speak with a health staffer or if you would like to leave a voicemail/email.

Hello/Dear [Health Staffer’s Name],

My name is [Your Name] and I am a constituent of [Your Representative’s/Senator’s Name] from [Your Current/Hometown].

As Congress begins to construct the Fiscal Year 2025 LaborHHS appropriations bills, please encourage support for the Area Health Education Centers program at a funding level of $67.00 million for FY 2025, which aligns with the statutory language for the AHEC program, requiring each AHEC center to be provided with $250,000 per year.

Appreciating the fiscally challenging climate, we encourage the largest possible increase to the AHEC program. [Briefly explain your role with AHEC and how your AHEC program]
supports community-based health professions training, placements, and rotations. Go into
detail on how your office/center responds public health emergencies, implements
telehealth policies, and carries out initiatives likes the AHEC Scholars program, which
help in the overall effort to combat health workforce shortages.

ARCIIPC Continues MDRO Webinar Series

Alabama Statewide AHEC and Deep South Center for Occupational
Health and Safety co-sponsored two webinars hosted by the Alabama
Regional Center for Infection Prevention and Control Training and
Technical Assistance (ARCIIPC), offering Continuing Education credits.

The first MDRO session highlighted crucial points from the CDC
guidelines on multi-drug resistant organisms (MDRO) and isolation
precautions. The second session provided an overview of the Infectious
Diseases & Outbreaks (ID&O) Division's Notifiable Disease Rules within
the Bureau of Communicable Diseases at the Alabama Department of
Public Health.

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

The Future of Health Systems: Advancing Health Systems Strengthening: Metrics, Learnings, and Future Directions
When: Tuesday June 4, 2024, 10 am - 11 am EDT
Where: Zoom

About This Event
In today's evolving health systems landscape, effective monitoring, evaluation and learning strategies are indispensable for driving performance improvements in health systems and health outcomes. However, navigating through the complexities of health systems requires a nuanced approach, especially when it comes to standard indicators and global knowledge sharing as well as collation, management, and dissemination of learnings. This webinar serves as a platform to delve into these challenges and present practical solutions including the critical need for standardized metrics, evidence generation, and continuous learning in health systems strengthening programming.

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
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 underserved populations in Alabama.

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