

AHEC SCHOLARS TWO-YEAR PROGRAM

The [Arizona AHEC Scholars Program \(ASP\)](#) is a two-year interprofessional program for health profession graduate students. It is comprised of community-based experiential training conducted in rural and/or underserved settings in one of the Arizona AHEC Regions. The ASP builds from the Rural Health Professions Programs (RHPP) at the University of Arizona, Arizona State University and Northern Arizona University. Curriculum content is developed in collaboration with participating RHPPs and Arizona AHEC Centers.



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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS OF AHEC SCHOLARS

- Accepted Scholars will be assigned to an interprofessional team of health professions students from the three ABOR universities, a Faculty Mentor, and Regional AHEC Center site.
- Students must be enrolled and remain enrolled in and meet all academic and didactic training requirements of their respective health professional program.
- Commit to 80 hours each year for two years (didactic + [community experiential learning](#)).
- Participate in reflection, active learning and critical inquiry in a group setting with students from various health professions programs.
- Engage directly and indirectly with rural and/or underserved communities and guided by their Faculty Mentor, RHPP Director, and AHEC Regional Center Director.
- Learn about factors affecting the social determinants of health, cultural competency, behavioral health integration, practice transformation, inter-professional education, current and emerging health issues, connecting communities and supporting health professionals, and seek to improve virtual learning and telehealth training.

PROGRAM BENEFITS FOR AHEC SCHOLARS

- Develop an understanding that individual patients, families, communities and health providers are partners in shaping and delivering the educational experience.
- Progress in learning experiences – reflective journaling; review community health needs assessments in published literature; review publicly available health information and reports; develop and administer surveys; collect, synthesize, and report data; present findings with data visualizations targeted to specific audiences, and make recommendations to improve individual and community health.
- Learn about collaborative relationships, engage in team-based care, and use interprofessional approaches to problems that include community agencies, patients, and health providers.
- More information, including stipends and activity dates, can be found on the first page of the application.

- ▶ **Apply at:** <https://az-ahec.my.site.com/>
- View the [AHEC Scholars Manual 2026-27](#)
 - **Application Deadline: September 13, 2026**



DATE: 8/10/26



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2026-28 AHEC SCHOLARS PROGRAM IMPORTANT DATES

Fiscal Year 2026-27

AHEC Scholars Application Deadline		September 13, 2026
Year 1 Scholar Program orientation	Virtual	September 22, 2026 at 6pm
Fall Community Immersion:	In person	October 3-4, 2026
CAAHEC, CPCHP, & AIH-AHEC Year 2 Scholar Groups (cohort 25-27):	In person	24-25, 2026
Spring Community Immersion:	In person	February 6-7, 2027
CAAHEC & AIH-AHEC Year 2 Scholar Groups (cohort 25-27)	In person	20-21, 2027
15th Annual Rural Health Professions Program Conference	Virtual	April 9-10, 2027
Zoom Monthly group seminars	Virtual	September 4th Tuesday of the month to April from 6-8 pm

Fiscal Year 2027-28

AHEC Scholars Application Deadline		September 12, 2027
Year 1 Scholar Program orientation	Virtual	September 28, 2027 at 6pm
Fall Community Immersion:	In person	October 2-3, 2027
AIH-AHEC & CAAHEC Year 2 Scholar Groups (cohort 26-28):	In person	23-24, 2027
Spring Community Immersion:	In person	February 5-6, 2028
AIH-AHEC & CAAHEC Year 2 Scholar Groups (cohort 26-28):	In person	19-20, 2028
15th Annual Rural Health Professions Program Conference	Virtual	April 7-8, 2028
Zoom Monthly group seminars	Virtual	September 4th Tuesday of the month to April from 6-8 pm