

MONTANA AHEC SCHOLARS

HRSA: Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

The Montana AHEC Scholars Program is a multidisciplinary certificate program that equips future health professionals with the skills to serve rural and underserved communities through targeted training, hands-on clinical experience in rural Montana, and professional networking.

PROGRAM GOAL

To create a health care workforce representative of Montana communities that is prepared to deliver high-quality care in a transforming system and is distributed throughout the state, particularly in rural and underserved areas and populations.

PROGRAM TIMELINE

September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2027

CORE TOPIC AREAS

Providing training in interprofessional care, behavioral health integration, social determinants of health, telehealth, community engagement, and addressing current health issues.

434 Spring 2025 Active Scholars

683 Program Graduates

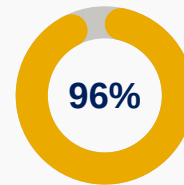
TOP 5 DISCIPLINES

Registered Nursing
Community Health Worker
Medical Doctor
Nurse Practitioner
Physician Assistant



"AHEC Scholars has been a foundational part of my learning and growth as a nursing student. It has allowed me to expand the impact of my work with tribal nations and rural communities. With AHEC I have grown to expand my horizons on what change a nurse can make in the world."

- 2024 AHEC Scholar



Complete clinical training in a **rural** or **medically underserved** setting



Feel "confident" in providing health care in a **rural, underserved, or vulnerable population** after participation

IMPACT & RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Why This Program Matters:

- Strengthens the rural healthcare workforce pipeline by exposing students to rural practice
- Equips future professionals with the skills needed to address complex rural health challenges
- Prepares students to improve rural healthcare systems to better meet community needs

This program is funded through HRSA's Area Health Education Center Program. A continued investment ensures that local health profession students gain the skills needed to **best serve Montana communities**, directly reinvesting federal dollars to strengthen our local communities and ensuring **access to quality healthcare** for all Montanans.

