

**9,989**

**AHEC Participants**

The Area Health Education Centers' (AHEC) mission is to enhance access to quality healthcare, particularly primary and preventive care, by improving the supply and distribution of healthcare professionals through community/academic educational partnerships.



### Clinical Training

Clinical Training improves readiness, willingness, and ability of health professions trainees to serve in primary care, rural, and medically underserved community settings.

**1,281**

Facilitated Rotations

**62%**

Rural Area

**38%**

Primary Care Setting

**98%**

Medically Underserved Community

Percentage of Unique Clinical Training Sites



### Pathway Programs

Pathway Programs (also known as Pipeline Programs) expose students to health careers and develop intent to pursue postsecondary education in primary healthcare professions.

**4,664**

Health Career Participants

Programs include: Health Careers Enrichment Activities, Pre-Diploma/Certification Preparation, Summer Programs, After School Enrichment Activities, and Pre-college Preparation.



### AHEC Scholars

AHEC Scholars is a program designed to prepare future health professionals with the leadership skills necessary to better serve vulnerable populations in rural and medically underserved communities.

**626**

AHEC Scholars in the 2024 interprofessional cohort from the following disciplines:

- Allied Health
- Advanced Practice Nurse/ Nurse Practitioner
- Behavioral Health
- Community Health Worker
- Dentistry
- Medicine
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Public Health
- Registered Nurse

**95%**

of Scholars Completers are confident in their ability to utilize skills from the program to provide care to medically underserved.

**82%**

of Scholar Completers for whom location is known are working or training in a medically underserved community 1 year after graduation.

**885**

Total AHEC Scholars Program Completers (2019-2025)



### Continuing Education

Continuing Education provides health professionals with access to resources to improve the quality of care for medically underserved communities and populations with health disparities.

**3,418**

Continuing Education Participants Statewide



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In their words, the impact of participating in the AHEC Scholars Program on future health professionals:



"Getting a chance to experience rural healthcare was very valuable in my education and my future practice as a nurse. It increased my cultural competency and skill set having had experience with patients and other staff in a rural setting." - Montana AHEC Scholar

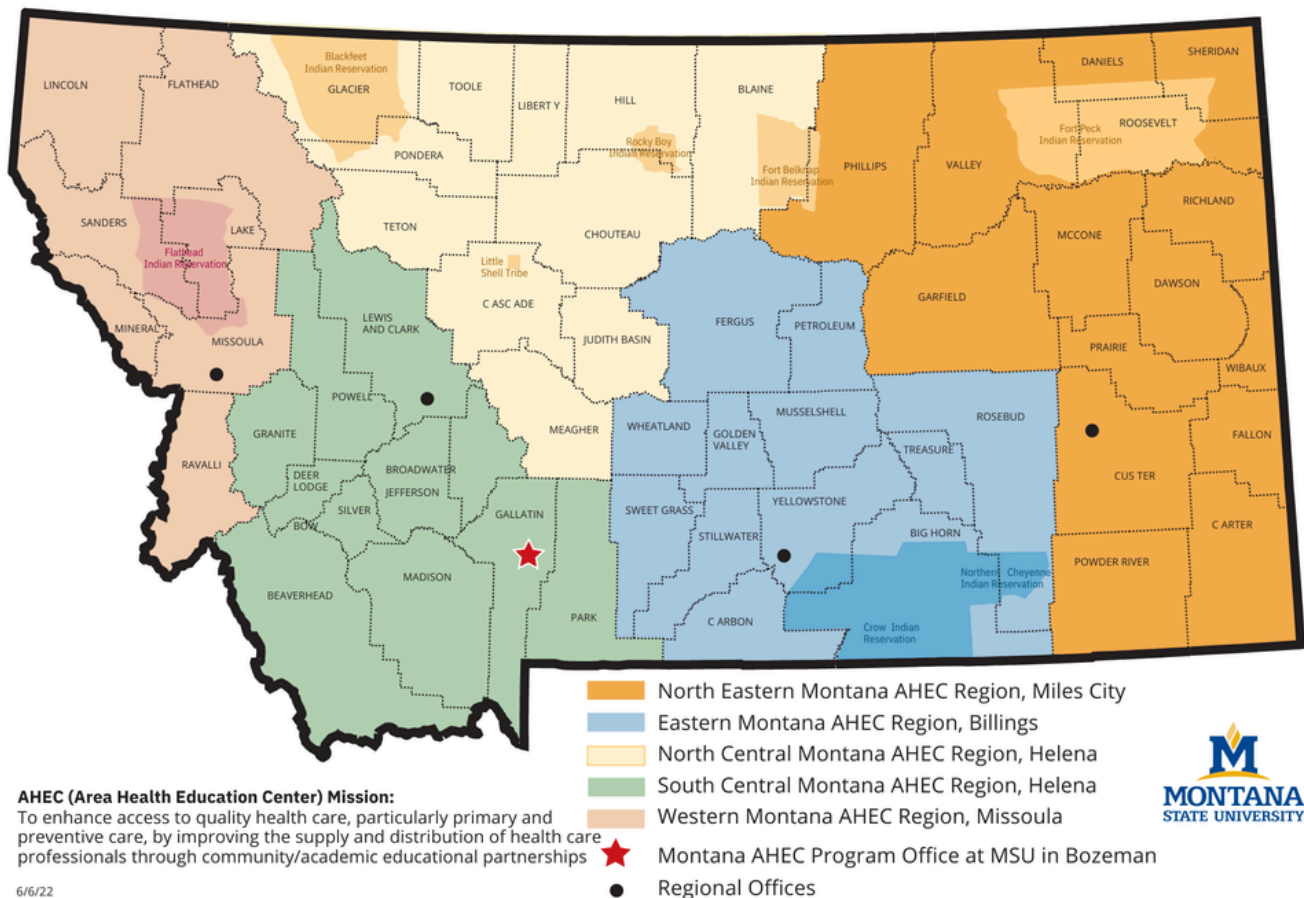


"Because of AHEC, I want to make my future career as a provider a medical home for education, healing, and growth. I want to be knowledgeable about moving forward into a career as an integrated healthcare professional who always puts patients first to make them feel welcome in a happy, heard, and healthy space." - Montana AHEC Scholar

The map below showcases the five Montana AHEC regions.

## Montana AHEC Regions

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