



AlaskaAHEC

Area Health Education Centers

Developing Alaska's Healthcare Workforce

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What the heck is AHEC?

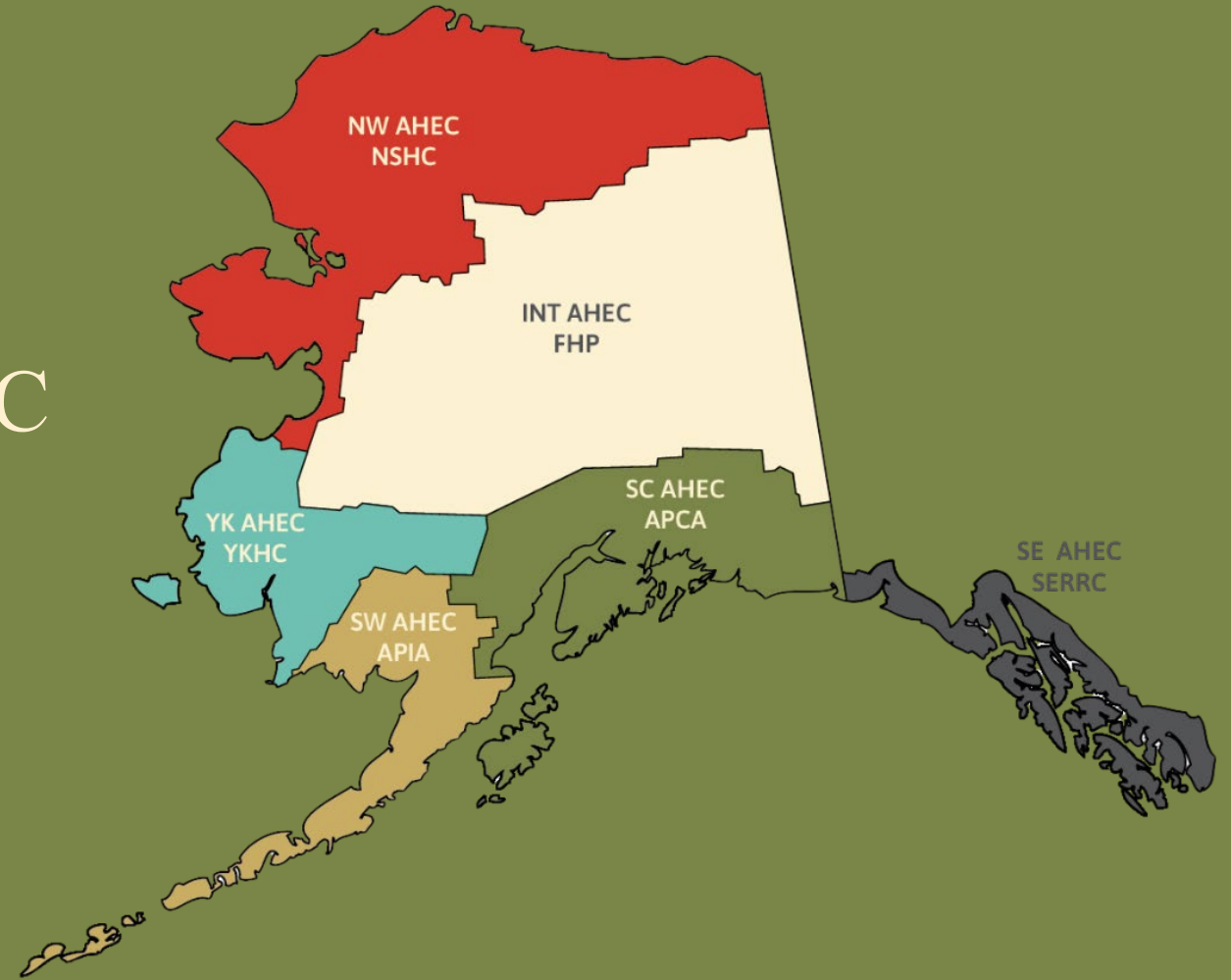
We are a federally-supported program that supports the development of the healthcare workforce with a special focus on rural/underserved communities.

Our Mission

Enhance access to quality health care, particularly primary and preventive care, by improving the supply and distribution of healthcare professionals through community/academic educational partnerships.

The Alaska AHEC Program

- Southwest AHEC
- Northwest AHEC
- Yukon Kuskokwim AHEC
- Interior AHEC
- South Central AHEC
- Southeast AHEC



ACRH-HW and AHEC Programs

Engage

- Youth Exploration Camps
- Rural Health CTEPS Program
- PATH Academy

Train

- Rural Immersion Institute of the North (RIIN)
- AHEC Scholars Program
- Certificate Trainings

Retain

- Strengthening Healthcare Access Recruitment Program (SHARP)
- Clearinghouse of Alaska's Continuing Health Education (CACHE)

Diversity

Preparing a diverse, culturally competent primary care workforce representative of the communities we serve.

Distribution

Improving workforce distribution throughout the nation, particularly among rural and underserved areas and populations.

Practice Transformation

Developing and maintaining a healthcare workforce that is prepared to deliver high quality care in a transforming health care delivery system.

AHEC Impact Statewide

Over the last five year grant period:

- 6,300 students reached through pipeline programs
- 62% of youth participants are more interested in health careers
- 9,000 Continuing Education participants
- 6,100 certificates completed (Mental Health First Aid, CPR, ACEs, etc.)
- 84% of AHEC Scholars graduates working in Alaskan healthcare facilities

AHEC Impact Across the Kenai Peninsula

- From 2019-2023, we held four youth camps for 31 students.

Already in 2024 there has been:

- Soldotna - Mental Health First Aid certificate training for 17 students
- Soldotna - CTEPS for 16 high school students (including Basic Life Support and Bloodborne Pathogens certificate trainings)
- Seward - CTEPS for 10 high school students
- Homer - CTEPS for 19 high school students
- In the last five years, there were 199 Continuing Education and/or adult participants from the Kenai Peninsula

Kenai Path Academy Coming August 2024

- Designed to take anyone interested in healthcare and transform them into excellent candidates for apprenticeship and entry level jobs.
- Free two-week pre-apprenticeship training
 - Open to adults 16 years old and older
 - No prerequisites necessary
 - Explore careers in healthcare, behavioral health, and human services
 - Acquire job readiness skills and certifications



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