

Area Health Education Centers Program Webinar Series: AHEC Scholars Program

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Agenda

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **AHEC Scholars Program**
 - Programmatic Requirements
 - Clarifications
- **Grantee Scholar Program Experiences**
 - Oregon AHEC
 - Arizona AHEC
 - New Jersey AHEC
- **AHEC Performance Measures**
 - Katherine (Kacey) Morasch, PhD,
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- **Q&As**



AHEC Scholars Program Requirements

Must last for a minimum of two years and culminate in the completion of and/or graduation from a degree or certificate program

- Formal application process with defined eligibility criteria
- New cohorts each academic year of the project period (per AHEC center)
- Longitudinal program with interdisciplinary curriculum with discipline-specific points of entry, exit and objectives
- Clinical, didactic, and community-based and team-based training activities
 - Based on 6 Core Topic Areas
 - A minimum of 40 hours per year of didactic education outside of traditional curriculum
 - A minimum of 40 hours per year of clinical education must consist of participation in team-based training
- Placements in rural and/or underserved settings
- One year follow-up is required



AHEC Scholars Clarifications

- **Two Year Requirement:**
 - Must be a Minimum of two years or longer
- **Inclusion of Students Working Towards Degree/Certificate Program Less than Two Years:**
 - With prior approval for degree or certificate programs that are less than 2 years, students will be AHEC Scholars for the duration of their academic program
- **New Cohorts each Academic Year of the Project Period (per AHEC center)**
 - 15-25 students per AHEC Center each academic year (the number of students could vary by AHEC center)
 - Part-time students are allowed; Medical/Nursing residents NOT allowed
 - Discipline-specific points of entry and exit (i.e., entry point can be flexible)
 - Scholars will complete the program upon graduation/completion of academic program
 - 1 year follow up (i.e., where are they working)



AHEC Scholars Clarifications

- **Pre-Health Professions Students**
 - Pre-health professions students are not eligible to participate in the AHEC Scholars Program
 - Ex: pre-med, sociology, psychology, etc.
- **Allied Health Professions Students**
 - For allied health programs that are less than 2 years, prior approval is needed via the EHB process.
 - It important to identify/recruit disciplines that are considered “high-need” in your catchment areas



AHEC Scholars Clarifications

- **Core Topic Areas**

- Current/Emerging Issues
 - Prior Approval needed if NOT discussed in grant application

- **Clinical and Didactic Education**

- A minimum of 40 hours per year of didactic education outside of the traditional curriculum
 - An elective course developed for academic credit (which addresses priorities listed in the FOA) can be utilized as hours towards this requirement
- A minimum of 40 hours per year of clinical education must consist of participation in team-based training
 - If the clinical components of the Scholar's academic program meets the requirements (team-based/rural or underserved area), it can count towards this requirement

