

Berkshire AHEC Health Scholars' Program

In collaboration with Berkshire Community College

Introducing the AHEC Health Scholars' Program

Berkshire AHEC is pleased to have the opportunity to develop an AHEC Health Scholars' Program at Berkshire Community College (BCC). AHEC Health Scholars is a program for health careers students interested in supplementing their education by gaining additional knowledge and experience in local community needs. This program offers a defined set of academic and community-based activities that is supported by interdisciplinary curricula.

Why become an AHEC Health Scholar?

- To enhance interdisciplinary skills to better support patient centered care
- To have opportunities to work with students, faculty and community professionals outside the traditional classroom
- To create networking opportunities, both within a discipline and outside it
- To be recognized at graduation and pinning ceremonies as an AHEC Health Scholar
- To elevate your resume and graduate school applications

PROGRAM DURATION IS ONE YEAR

- 40 hours which is met through the health program's practicums/clinicals
- 40 additional hours focused on six Core Topic Areas:
 - Interprofessional Education
 - Behavioral Health Integration
 - Social Determinants of Health
 - Cultural Competency
 - Practice Transformation
 - Current and Emerging Health Issues


ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Students must be currently enrolled in a health career degree or certificate program. This includes nursing (ADN and LPN), physical therapist assistant, respiratory care and community health workers (certificate or associate level).

Completion of application, submitted to:

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How will the program be offered?

Through a series of workshops that will expose, engage and facilitate patient centered focus in health care delivery. Students will listen to lectures, have discussions, work on community projects, and reflect on the impact the topics have on patients, community and healthcare providers.

Berkshire AHEC Health Scholars' Program Workshops

Thursday, September 13

12 - 2 p.m. • Connector

Thursday, October 4

12 - 2 p.m. • H-402

Thursday, November 8

12 - 2 p.m. • H-402

Thursday, December 6

12 - 2 p.m. • H-402

*Spring training programs to be offered.
Dates, Times, and Locations TBA.*

FORUM credit is available!

About Berkshire AHEC

A member of the MassAHEC Network



Berkshire Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is part of the statewide MassAHEC Network at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. There are over 220 AHECs throughout the U.S., with six in Massachusetts. Berkshire AHEC, founded in 1979, is actively involved in medical education, continuing professional development and education for health and human service professionals, and community based coalitions.

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