

Are You Eligible to Join the NC AHEC Scholars?

To be eligible to apply, prospective NC AHEC Scholars must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be **enrolled full-time** in an approved, college-level health professions education program, or be a practicing Community Health Worker (CHW), or be enrolled in a CHW specialty training program in North Carolina
- Have at least **two (2) years remaining** in their education or training program, with graduation aligned with completion of the two-year NC AHEC Scholars Program
 - Exception: Practicing CHWs are not required to meet the two-year academic timeline
- Have **reliable access to Wi-Fi and transportation**
- Demonstrate **a commitment** to underserved and rural communities
- Commit to the **two-year program participation requirement and complete all required program assignments**
 - Complete: 80 hours each year (40 didactic training + 40 experiential and/or clinical training)
- Be **eligible to work in the United States**
 - U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or permanent resident
 - International students are not eligible

Eligible Degree Programs

The major listed on your official transcript must exactly match one of the eligible degree programs below. Minors, concentrations, intended career goals, or pre-professional pathways alone do not establish eligibility.

- **Allied Health**
 - Community Health Worker (CHW) – *Certificate*
 - Dental Hygiene – *AS / BS*
 - Nutritionist / Dietitian – *BS / MS*
 - Occupational Therapy – *MSOT / OTD*
 - *If enrolled in a PhD program, select OTD if pursuing clinical practice*
 - Pharmacy – *PharmD*
 - Physical Therapy – *DPT*
 - Radiologic Technology – *AS / BS*
 - Rehabilitation Therapy – *AS / BS*
 - *Includes Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) and Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)*
 - Respiratory Therapy – *AS / BS*
 - Speech-Language Pathology / Therapy – *MS*
- **Behavioral Health**
 - Clinical Psychology – *PhD / PsyD*
 - Clinical Social Work – *BSW / MSW*
- **Dentistry**
 - Dental School – *DMD*
- **Medicine**
 - Medical School – *MD*
 - *If enrolled in a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program, select DO*
- **Nursing**
 - Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) – *MS / DNP*
 - Nurse Practitioner (NP) – *MS / DNP*
 - Registered Nurse (RN) – *AS / BSN*
- **Other Eligible Health Professions Programs**
 - Clinical Exercise Physiology – *MS (Clinical)*
 - Health Informatics / Health Information Technology – *AS / BS*
 - Medical Laboratory Science – *AS / BS / MS*
 - *Includes Clinical Laboratory Science and Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) programs*
- **Physician Assistant**
 - Physician Assistant – *MPAS*
- **Public Health**
 - Disease Prevention / Health Promotion – *BS / BPH / MPH / DrPH*
 - Environmental Health – *BPH*
 - Epidemiology – *MPH*
 - Health Administration – *BS / MHA*
 - Health Education – *BS / BPH / MPH*
 - Health Policy / Management – *BPH / MPH*
 - Maternal and Child Health – *MPH*

Ineligible Disciplines

- Behavioral Health Technician / Aide
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Dental Assistant
- EMT / Paramedic
- General science degree programs that do not directly lead to a credentialed health profession (including Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biomedical Sciences, Neuroscience, Health Science, Exercise Science, and Kinesiology)
- Interest in a health career alone
- Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse (LPN/ LVN)
- Medical Assistant
- Nurse Assistant/Patient Care Associate
- Pre-health or exploratory pathways
 - Includes Pre-Med, Pre-PA, Pre-Nursing, Pre-Dental, etc.
- Pharmacy Aide/Technician
- Substance Use Addictions Worker



Find Your Regional AHEC

Scan the QR code or use the link below to find your NC AHEC region and view application instructions

<https://www.ncahec.net/about-nc-ahec/find-your-ahec/>