

4. Coordinates with education facilities to facilitate training of healthcare professionals. Funds are made available to assist rural students with needed continuing education and clinical rotations.

AHEC works with and supports HOSA-Future Healthcare Professionals, with groups in Bismarck, Grafton, Grand Forks, Fargo, Oakes and Langdon. There have been 42 AHEC scholars with 4 graduated, and 2094 individuals impacted by HOSA.

AHEC Helps with funding for students entering health care professions with expenses related to participation in rural clinical rotations and inter-professional activities.

AHEC establishes collaborative partnerships necessary to connect communities with health care professionals. Working with the Center for Rural Health's Workforce Specialist, AHEC has assists in recruiting family nurse practitioners, medical doctors, physicians' assistants, veterinarians, and others who fill needed positions in rural health care.

AHEC has a growing presence in assisting rural health care in ND and with continued support will have more success.

Please support this bill which is one part of helping us grow our own in the field of healthcare.

Thank You.

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Additional Notes:

Students: There are over 200 potential careers in healthcare. For middle or high school students interested in a career in the healthcare industry, AHEC can help them explore career areas, discover where their interest lies, and provide tools and opportunities to pursue those interests.

Clinical Rotations: AHEC can also assist college students with field experiences and clinical experiences with grant funding for completing a rotation in rural North Dakota underserved areas.

Scholars Program: AHEC Scholars is a nationally recognized certificate program for health professions students interested in supplementing their education by gaining additional knowledge and experience in rural and/or underserved settings.