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Annual Report
2021 - 2022

Indiana Area Health Education Centers Network
Mission
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Goals

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Professional Education Support and Continuing Education
Provide health professionals in rural and underserved areas with resources, skills, training, and programming needed to enhance the quality of health care delivery.
Enhancing access to quality healthcare with a focus on primary and preventive care, to improve the supply and distribution of health care professionals through community/academic educational partnerships.

**HEALTH WORKFORCE PATHWAY PROGRAMS**

Pathway programs expose students to health careers and develop intent to pursue post-secondary education in primary healthcare professions.

- 2,903 students participated in pipeline programs
  - 52% of students were from a disadvantaged background
  - 59% of students were from a rural community
  - 26% of students were underrepresented minorities in medicine
  - 62% of students intend to pursue a health career

**CLINICAL TRAINING AND COMMUNITY-BASED EXPERIENCES**

These programs aim to improve the readiness, willingness, and ability of health professions trainees to serve in primary care, rural and medically underserved communities (MUC).

- All Activities: 3,085
  - 53% of students intend to practice in Indiana
  - 26% of students intend to practice in a rural community
  - 41% of students intend to practice in a MUC
  - 39% of students intend to practice in primary care

- Clinical Trainings: 1,711
  - 49% of students intend to practice in Indiana
  - 25% of students intend to practice in a rural community
  - 44% of students intend to practice in a MUC
  - 39% of students intend to practice in primary care

**AHEC SCHOLARS**

This two-year program for health profession students aims to improve their skills to provide transformative team-based care within rural and urban underserved communities.

- 196 AHEC Scholars
  - 2022 Cohort: 79 Scholars Graduated
    - 90% of students increased skills to practice in underserved communities
    - 99% of students intend to practice team-based care
    - 57% of students intend to practice in Indiana
  - 2023 Cohort: 117 Scholars
    - 83% of students intend to practice in a MUC
    - 45% of students intend to practice in primary care

**CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Provide health professionals in rural and urban underserved communities with resources and programming to improve healthcare delivery.

- 521 continuing education professionals
  - 95% work in an rural or urban underserved community
  - 44% work in primary care

**PROGRAM ALUMNI**

Alumni are now practicing health professionals

- 8,129 Alumni
  - 5,094 Registered Nurses
  - 1,689 Physicians
  - 276 Licensed Practical Nurses
  - 250 Dental Hygienists
  - 173 Physician Assistants
  - 157 Pharmacists
  - 137 Advanced Practice Nurses
  - 111 Mental Health Professionals
  - 69 Dentists
  - 54 Clinical Social Workers
  - 52 Occupational Therapists
  - 32 Physical Therapists
  - 14 Psychologists
  - 11 Dieticians
  - 7 Speech Therapists
  - 3 Chiropractors

*41% work in a HPSA* (Health Professional Shortage Area)
The Indiana AHEC Network Office is located within the Department of Family Medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine. We are proud to work in collaboration with our regional partners across the state.

Indiana Area Health Education Centers Network

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
FAMILY MEDICINE

Indiana AHEC Network
2023 Annual Conference

Save the date
April 14, 2023

Building Healthy Communities
Self-Care is Patient Care
The NCI-AHEC team and a few students from their MARCH program visited Marian University School of Osteopathic Medicine and St. Vincent Hospital. The MARCH program is an initiative that focuses on work with historically underrepresented high schools as they begin their future plans in higher education and healthcare. The students received a tour of the simulation lab and were able to talk to two current medical students on campus.

Nearly 100 high school students attended Purdue University Northwest’s Discover Nursing Camp. This free, two-day camp was offered at two different Purdue University Northwest locations and was sponsored in part by NWI-AHEC.

WCI-AHEC, in collaboration with Indiana University School of Medicine Terre Haute, offered the annual Dr. Camp and Camp M.D. programs. Facilitated by medical students from the IU School of Medicine Terre Haute regional campus, both camps offer hands-on experiences, including participation in medical simulations, a dissection activity, introductions to various health disciplines, as well as mentorship by current medical and pre-medical students.

SCI-AHEC helped to fund the Health Career Discovery Camp at Schneck Medical Center. High school students were able to learn and discover more about their interest in health careers. Over the course of two days, they learned about pediatrics, medical assisting, rehabilitation services, surgical services, diagnostic imaging, emergency services, pharmacy, and internal medicine.
100 students from IUPUC and Franklin College participated in interprofessional education activities. These students are studying to become Athletic Trainers, Physician Assistants, Family Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses, and Mental Health Counselors.

SCI-AHEC in partnership with IU Health offered CPR, First Aid, and Heart Saver trainings.

El-AHEC facilitated Decatur County Memorial Hospital EMS and Franklin College Physician Assistant Program students for an afternoon airway management and intubation workshop.

El-AHEC led Mental Health First Aid training for Franklin College Master of Science in Athletic Training students. This academic program also invited some of the working athletic trainers who serve as clinical preceptors for their students to take part in the training.
Examples of Experiences Included:

- Student Outreach Clinics
- United Way Partnerships
- Vaccination Clinics
- Mobile Health Centers
- Telehealth Trainings
- Point-in-Time Count
- Health Screenings
- Food Finders
- Naloxone Trainings
- Transitional Housing Programs

Indiana AHEC Scholars are required to complete a team-based project throughout the program. Scholars work with their team to identify a need within a community in their region, create a plan for putting this project into action, and then, if possible, implement the project. The project concludes with a poster presentation at the Indiana AHEC Network Annual Meeting.

Health training students participated in a survival scenario led by WCI-AHEC and SWI-AHEC at this past summer’s Indiana Rural Health Association Annual Conference.

EI-AHEC Scholars gained service-learning hours by organizing donations at the 1Voice community recovery center that provides clothing, toiletries, and other personal items for people newly in recovery. Scholars also got to talk with peer recovery coaches about their role in helping clients maintain recovery and connect to health and wellness resources.
Indiana AHEC Scholars 2022 Graduates

Ball State University
Mya Carter  Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Felix Egharevba  Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Lucy Heubach  Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Tamara Russell  Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Butler University
Hayley Gartner  Doctor of Pharmacy
Jade Jochem  Doctor of Pharmacy

Franklin College
Stephanie Hautsch  Master of Physician Assistant Studies
Rebecca Jolly  Master of Physician Assistant Studies

Indiana State University
Dakota Brown  Bachelor of Science in Public Health
Bailee Brownstead  Master of Occupational Therapy
Alexandria Correale-Otto  Master of Science in Genetic Counseling
Hannah DeBlock  Bachelor of Science in Public Health
Kate Kennedy  Bachelor of Science in Applied Medicine
Alyssa Litmer  Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language Pathology
Kara Ooms  Master of Social Work
Hannah Piersall  Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language Pathology

Indiana University Bloomington
Jessica Craven  Doctor of Physical Therapy
Jasmine Peoples  Master of Social Work
Julia Rea  Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Mary Schiff  Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language Pathology
Alison Van Doren  Doctor of Physical Therapy
Lillian White  Bachelor of Science in Public Health

Indiana University East
Rachel Kroger  Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Julia Mellott  Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Indiana University Purdue University Columbus
Jessica Luedeman  Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Tucker Robinson  Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Indiana University School of Medicine
Madison Degoey  Doctor of Medicine
Kenedi Divine  Doctor of Medicine
Emma Eckrote  Doctor of Medicine
Joel Gerg  Doctor of Medicine
Michael Harding  Doctor of Medicine
Colton Junod  Doctor of Medicine
Reese Miller  Doctor of Medicine
Sarah Sweeney  Doctor of Medicine
Quinton Thompson  Doctor of Medicine
Alaina Turchi  Doctor of Medicine

Indiana University School of Medicine Terre Haute
Haley Hall  Doctor of Medicine

Indiana Wesleyan University
Shelby Levy  Bachelor of Science in Social Work

Ivy Tech Community College
Hadassah Katz  Associate of Science in Nursing

Manchester University
Mark Bortos  Doctor of Pharmacy

Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Diane Casini  Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
Rachna Chaudhari  Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
Lubaba Haque  Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
Madelyn Lee  Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
Phil Luong  Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
Andrew Powell  Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
Salman Qureshi  Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
Claire Russell  Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
Amy Skeels  Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

Purdue University
Tessa Bauman  Master of Public Health
Jennine Bryan  Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology
Brea Carlson  Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology
Madilyn Eberle  Doctor of Pharmacy
William Harris  Doctor of Pharmacy
Diane Hobbs  Doctor of Pharmacy
Haylie Lohmar  Doctor of Pharmacy
Lilliana Pollnow  Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology

Purdue University Northwest
Saige Addison  Bachelor of Science in Social Work
Marlene Garcia  Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Kathryn Keen  Bachelor of Science in Psychology

University of Evansville
Joshua Barajas  Master of Physician Assistant Studies
Kalissa Bittner  Master of Physician Assistant Studies
Casey Branham  Master of Physician Assistant Studies
Carolyn Burroughs  Master of Physician Assistant Studies
Jessica Fehd  Master of Physician Assistant Studies
Marie Folz  Doctor of Physical Therapy
Kathryn Hannon  Master of Physician Assistant Studies
Julia Meadows  Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Alexandria Peterson  Master of Physician Assistant Studies

University of Indianapolis
Abigail Wagner  Doctor of Physical Therapy

University of Kentucky
Garrett Anspach  Bachelor of Science in Health Administration

University of Saint Francis
Rachel Riley  Master of Science in Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)

University of Southern Indiana
Sydney Altmeier  Master of Occupational Therapy
Jessica Bain  Bachelor of Science in Health Administration
Helen Bean  Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Ashley McKinley  Master of Occupational Therapy
Breana Murphy  Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Mallory Sandullo  Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Victoria Williams  Bachelor of Science in Health Administration

Scan QR code to learn more!
Thank You!

The Indiana AHEC Network would like to recognize the following partners who make a difference.

2022 PARTNERSHIP MATTERS AWARD

Dr. Felicia Stewart

In Memoriam: Tracy Dwenger

Rhonda Doane, Lorna Marcus, Lynn Wilson and Suzanne Phelps

University of Evansville Physician Assistant Program

Yvette Rouch, RN/Blackford High School Medical Terminology Course

Charity Broyles & Melissa Moffatt

Hardon Educational Institute

2022 OUTSTANDING PRECEPTOR AWARD

Dr. Janis Ingebrigsten

Dr. Jennifer Richardson

Dr. Emily Andaya

Nancy Mann, MSEd, RDH

Dr. John Reinoehl

Dr. Nicole Boersma

Dr. Amanda Mathews

2022 AHEC HERO AWARD

Justin Tobyas, EdD
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Award Breakdown

- Federal: 33%
- State: 63%
- Local: 4%

$3,559,245

Disbursement

- Regional Centers: 81%
- AHEC Network Office: 19%

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Important: if interested in expenditure summary, this information is available through the Indiana AHEC Network Office after January 1, 2023.

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