

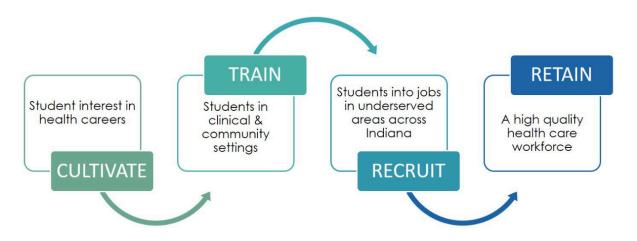


2024-2025 Annual Report

Indiana Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Network

Mission

Indiana Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Network's mission is to improve health by recruiting, educating and retaining health care professionals in medically underserved communities. The AHEC program was built with the goal of educating students about healthcare careers, supporting students through their education, and then continuing support once students graduate and enter the healthcare workforce. The goal is that AHEC students stay and practice in Indiana's rural or underserved communities.





Indiana AHEC Network Office is a proud member of the Indiana University School of Medicine and collaborates with partners across the state.











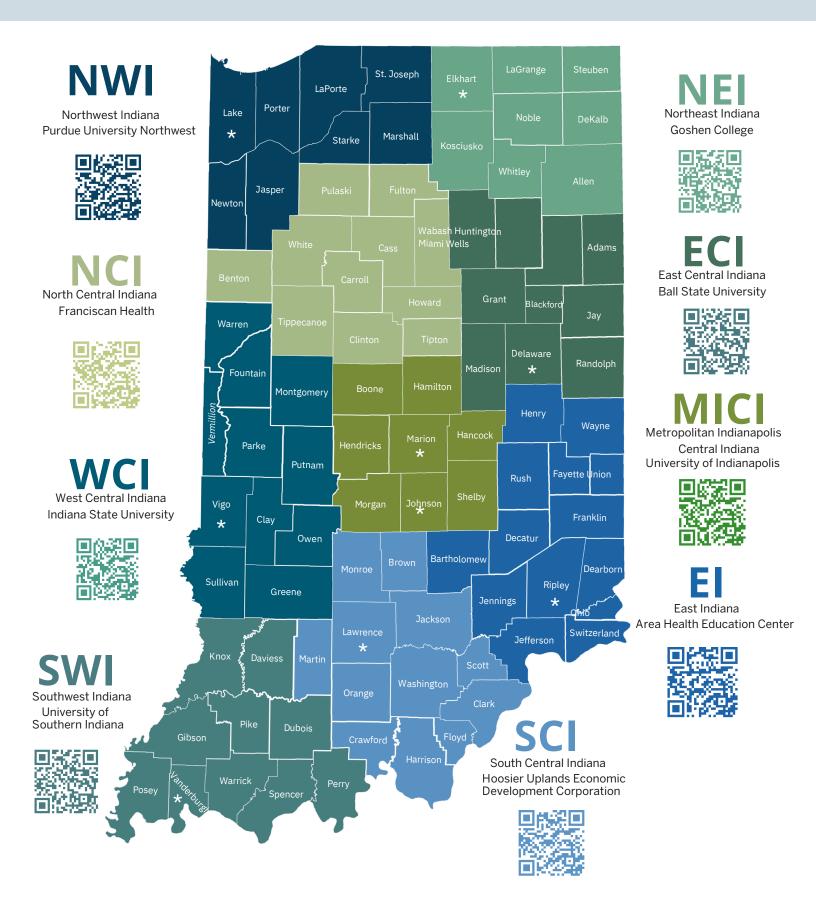








Indiana AHEC Network Regions



Health Career Pathway Programs

We ignite an interest in health careers.

Whether it's providing a weeklong summer health career camp at a nearby university or an unforgettable job shadowing experience, we inspire young people to envision their best futures as health professionals.





Community-Based and Clinical Training





We train future health professionals.

Ever visited a doctor who was working with a medical student or been in a hospital where there were student nurses? If your community is rural or underserved, we likely arranged those clinical and community-based experiences. Such training increases the chances they might someday practice in a rural or underserved community.

AHEC Scholars Program

AHEC Scholars make an impact.

If you are cared for by someone that was an Indiana AHEC Scholar, then you'll know that you're being cared for by an exceptionally informed, super-motivated professional who went above and beyond to complete our 2-year enrichment program while training for his or her career.





Continuing Education and Professional Development





We transform healthcare.

Healthcare is ever-changing, and many health professionals depend on us to bring them the latest education. The goal is to enhance quality of care, and that can make for a better quality of life for your community.

2024-2025 Program Highlights



PATHWAY PROGRAMS

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

4,696

Indiana students served this year.

62% students live in a rural community.
52% students are under-resourced.
72% plan to pursue a career in the health care field.



COMMUNITY-BASED AND CLINICAL TRAININGS

4,491

Indiana students served this year.

Clinical training improves readiness, willingness, and ability of health profession trainees to serve in primary care, rural, and medically underserved communities.

74% of students plan to stay and practice in Indiana.62% of students plan to practice primary care.57% of students plan to practice in a rural community.51% plan to practice behavioral health.



INDIANA AHEC SCHOLARS

Indiana AHEC Scholars is a two-year intensive program designed to prepare future health professionals with the leadership skills necessary to better serve Hoosiers.

373 Indiana students served this year.

77% of students plan to stay and practice in Indiana.53% of students plan to practice primary care.70% of students plan to practice in a rural community.36% plan to practice behavioral health.

CONTINUING & PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

1,944

Indiana health professionals served this year.
Continuing education provides health
professionals with access to resources to improve
the quality of care for Hoosiers in rural and
underserved communities.

INDIANA AHEC'S IMPACT

10,210

Individuals who were part of the Indiana AHEC program as students became licensed health professionals practicing in Indiana. **32%** practice in federally designated Primary Care, Mental Health and/or Dental Health Professional Shortage Area.

6,380 Registered Nurses

1,485 Physicians

333 Licensed Practical Nurses

341 Dental Hygienists

312 Physician Assistants

278 Pharmacists

236 Clinical Social Workers

187 Occupational Therapists

150 Physical Therapists

88 Advanced Practice Nurses

84 Dentists

60 Respiratory Care Therapists

56 Mental Health Counselors

49 Clinical Psychologists

48 Mental Health Professionals

39 Speech-Language Pathologists

23 Dieticians

110ptometrists

10 Marriage and Family Therapists

Those indicated here are practicing in Indiana; this data has been tracked since 2014. Additional disciplines with less than 10 are not included.

Indiana AHEC Scholars 2025 Graduates

Anderson University: Anna Elzey, BSN, Emma Howe, BSN, Tinsley Yoder, BSN

Ball State University: Emilee Campisi, MS, Rachael Carlson, BSN, Gabrielle Carmack, BSN, Annie Dempsey, MS, Mason DeNoon, BSN, Rylee Ellett, MS, Alexa Faulkner, BSN, Kami Koors, MS, Amber Riggin, BA, Julian Sanchez, PhD, Miranda Spitlar, BS

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Butler University: Dharni Desai, PharmD, Gretchen Erdmann, PharmD, Caine Gindling, PharmD, Jared Miracle, MPAS,

Daniel Whittaker, PharmD

Franklin College: Kaylyn Brown, MPAS, Aanchal Lal, MA

Goshen College: Meiling Yordy, BA

Indiana State University: Grace Aubry, MSOT, Monica Carrell, MSW, Amy Jassman, MSOT, Julianna Kessilyas, MPAS,

Zoe Peare, BSW, Allyson Wirfs, MPAS

Indiana University Bloomington: Ezra Baker, BPH, India Beard, BSN, Justus Belton, MD, Olivia Boyk, MSW,

D'Angela Cobb, BS, Victoria Cuadra, BS, Brianna Deaton, BSW, Silas Mccuistion, BPH, Olivia Medina, BSN,

Mazvita Ndhlovu, BA, Erin Rakes, BSN, Karissa Robinson, BSN, Autumn Schigur, BS, AnnMichael Siewert, MS,

Allison Taube, BPH

Indiana University Columbus: Alexandra Barnette, BSN, Madelin Hoover, BSN, Sirinat Mumuni, BSN, Kylia Siefert, BSN

Indiana University East: Kayla Todd, BSN, Emma Walls, BSN

Indiana University Fort Wayne: Autumn Buffenbarger, BSN

Indiana University Indianapolis: Leanna Gladson, MSW, Rhea Khatra, MPH, Lindsey Wenning, MSW

Indiana University Northwest: Elyssa Pinks, MSW, Lytina Andrews, MSW,

Indiana University School of Medicine: Aishat Audu, MD, Kenzie Ayers, MD, Sarah Bassett, MD, Kennedy Camden, MD,

Myanna Cook, MD, Sarah Emerick, MD, Kelsey Farris, MD, Emily Gutzwiller, MD, Tyler Hesselbrock, MD, Brett Hopf, MD,

Heidi Keiser, MD, Olivia Plant, MD, Peyton Robinson, MD, Kennedy Stoll, MD, Luke Swartz, MD, Brianna Yeend, MD

Indiana University South Bend: Layahnna Bond, BSN, Brooklynn Ciesiolka, BSN, Gage Ratkay, BSN Indiana University Southeast: Natalie Ang, BSN, Kaidyn Hall, BSN, Megan Moss, MA

Ivy Tech Community College: Patrice Johnson, AS, Teresa Kennelly, AAS, Katelynn Martin, AS, Kylee Van Meter, AA,

Doug Zumbrun, AS

Manchester University: Esther Adewunmi, PharmD, Florence Umutoni, PharmD

Marian University: Katherine Ford, BSN

Marian University Wood College Of Osteopathic Medicine: Chelsey Arvin, DO, Lauren Basinski, DO, Daniel Broerman, DO, Emily Fouts, DO, Usman Hamid, DO, Jessica Hewlett, DO, Cara Moore, DO, Sophie Rohleder, DO, Brianna Scherer, DO,

Madeline Schmiedeknecht, DO

Marian University Ancilla College: Amy Bales, BSN

Purdue University: Katelyn Carlson, PharmD, Katherine Davis, PharmD, Rebekah Dearing, MS, Anyi Ding, MS,

Sarah Dudley, MS, Vincent Ekwealor, PharmD, Charles Fashina, PharmD, Kelly Gole, PharmD, Genevieve Gray, MS,

Jailyn Jones, PharmD, Inae Kwon, PharmD, Avital Liberzon, MS, Chau Phan, PharmD, Olivia Pozsgay, MA,

Kara Robeson, PharmD, Yuqi Wu, PharmD

Purdue University Northwest: Shania Barber, BSN, Shavonne Carson, BSW, Perla Gamez, BSN

Saint Mary Of-The-Woods College: Nathaly Gonzalez, BSN

St. Elizabeth School of Nursing: Madelyn Crace, BSN, Trinity Neumayr, BSN, Rita Parkinson, BSN, Abigail Pohlar, BSN,

Charlize Rice, BSN

Trine University: Jennifer Barrera, DPT, Olivia Creevy, MPAS, Grace Meara, DPT, Marissa Morales, DPT, Tatym Plath,

MPAS, Cassidy Stanage, MPAS, Jessica Westphal, DPT

University of Evansville: Katelyn Brown, MPAS, Carlie Schultheis, MPAS, Sydney Hirt, MPAS, Aubrey Lankford, MPAS, Samantha Moore, DPT, Hannah Myers, MA, Hannah Rawhoof, DPT, Natalie Schimp, MPAS, Yanyu Wei, MS, Erika Will,

MPAS, Kathryn Williams, DPT, Keri Zumbahlen, DPT

University of Saint Francis: Kendall Close, BSN, Mariah Hosted, BSN, Maddison Levy, BSN

University of Southern Indiana: Malea Brownfield, MSOT, Erin Emery, BSW, Meshea Greenwell, MSOT,

Hannah Haithcock, MSOT, Lauren LaFever, MSOT, Jerrica Magill, MSW, Christan Manning, BSW, Kristin Maurer, MSW,

Caitlin Murray, MSOT, Olivia Stinson, MSOT, Baylee Thompson, BS, Emma Trent, BSN, Zoie Tucker, MSOT

Partners Making a Difference

Partnership Matters

This award goes to organizations or programs whose partnership has provided outstanding opportunity for the success of regional Indiana AHEC programs. These organizations/programs demonstrate a motivation to work collaboratively and leverage scare resources effectively to support the next generation of Hoosier health professionals.

East Central Indiana AHEC — Courtney Burkey, Jay County Health Department

East Indiana AHEC — Decatur County Memorial Hospital

Metropolitan Indianapolis/ Central Indiana AHEC — Dieudonne Foundation

Northeast Indiana AHEC — Fort Wayne Area Interprofessional Education Consortium

North Central Indiana AHEC -St. Elizabeth School of Nursing

Northwest Indiana AHEC — Jennifer Hippie LCSW, LCAC

Southwest Indiana AHEC — Saundra Lange

West Central Indiana AHEC - Indiana University School of Medicine Terre Haute

Outstanding Preceptor

This award goes to individuals or organizations for their dedication and commitment to excellence in experiential education and support for Indiana AHEC students engaged in clinical training in rural and underserved communities.

East Indiana AHEC — Dr. Adam Rosenfeld, Henry Community Health

Metropolitan Indianapolis/ Central Indiana AHEC — Dr. Kristin Willfond, Major Hospital

North Central Indiana AHEC — Dr. Addison Haynes

Northwest Indiana AHEC — Timothy Ames, MD

Southwest Indiana AHEC — Valerie Topper, CNM

West Central Indiana AHEC — Dr. Angela Hatfield

AHEC Hero

This award goes to individuals or organizations who go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that the mission of the Indiana AHEC Program is successful. The individuals/organizations are recognized for outstanding volunteer service, advocacy, or other extraordinary efforts.

Gina Woodward, Noblesville Schools







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