



**WISCONSIN AHEC**

Area Health Education Centers

## Promoting Health Careers

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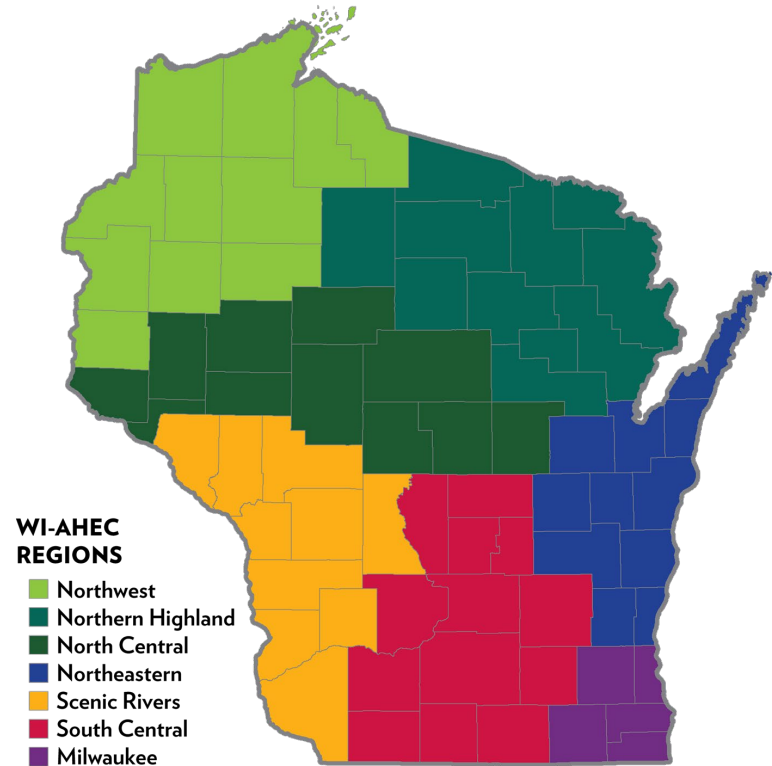
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## About Wisconsin AHEC

**VISION:** Wisconsin has a diverse, well-distributed healthcare workforce that supports optimal health for all.

**MISSION:** Wisconsin AHEC advances health equity in our rural and underserved communities through education and training opportunities that aim to increase the diversity, distribution, and development of our healthcare workforce.



# AHEC's Investment: Healthcare Workforce Pipeline

High  
School  
Learners

Pre-Health  
Professional  
Learners

Health  
Professional  
Learners

Practicing Health  
Professional  
Learners

## Youth Public Health Program

- Health Careers Presentations, Rural Roads to Health Careers Game
- Health Careers Camps
- Future Oral Health Workforce Day, Future Physicians Day

## Community-based Experiential Training Programs

- Community Health Immersions
- Community Health Internship Program
- Advocates in Medicine Pathway

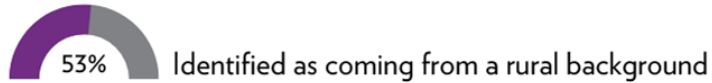
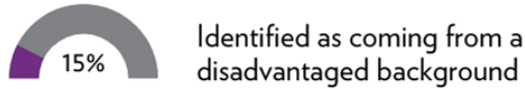
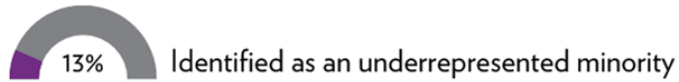
## Continuing Education

- AHEC Scholars Program
- TRIUMPH, WARM
- Community Health Engagement Projects

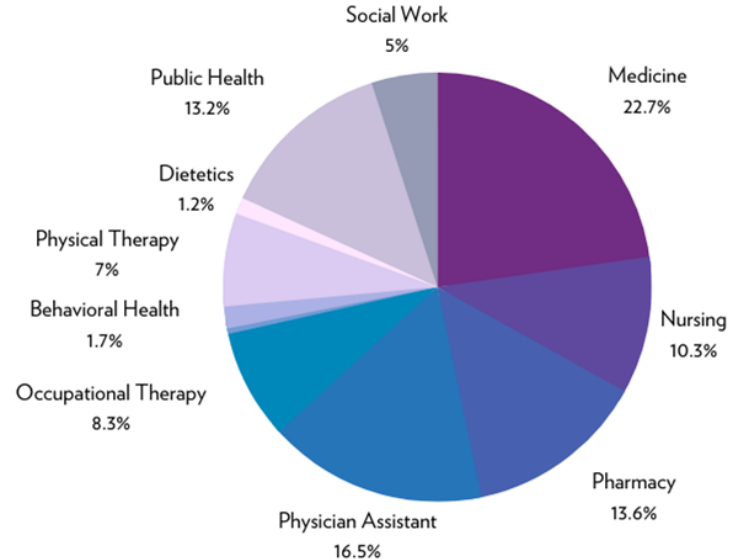
- Community Health Worker Training
- Provider Resiliency
- Telehealth Training
- Gerontology Dementia Training

# Diversity of AHEC Pre-Health & Health Professional Learners

## Diverse learner engagement

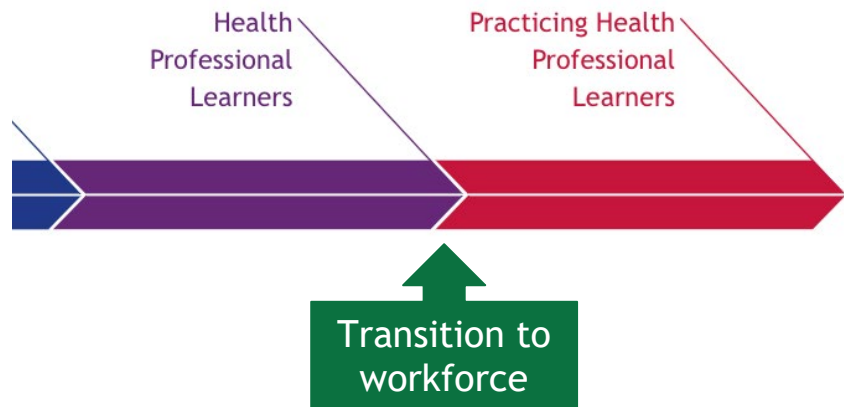


## 242 Interprofessional Scholars: Cohorts 3 & 4

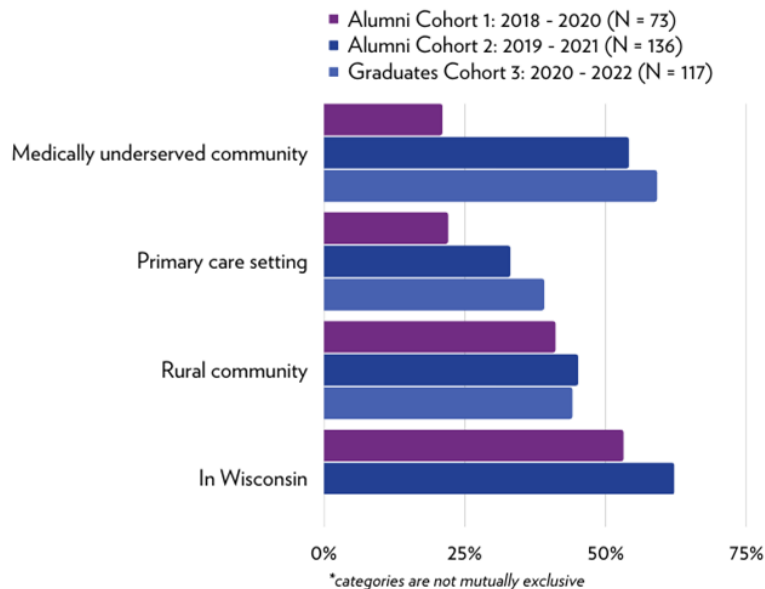


26 Academic Institutions represented

# AHEC Scholars Alumni: Employment Status/Intent



## Alumni & Recent Graduate Employment Status/Intent\*



# Curricular Themes

## Skills Advancement

Complete a skills advancement training from a selection including a number of certification options to better prepare you for your career and to enhance your resume.

## Field Placement

Get hands-on experience with a 40-hour community-based field placement. Clinical placements, internships, and community research projects coordinated through your academic program may be counted toward this requirement.

## Core Topics

- Interprofessional Education
- Behavioral Health Integration
- Social Determinants of Health
- Cultural Competency
- Practice Transformation
- Current & Emerging Health Issues
- Virtual Learning & Telehealth
- Connecting Communities & Supporting Health Professionals



UW Center for Interprofessional  
Practice and Education  
**BADGER PROGRAM – AHEC SCHOLAR**

## Prepared Professionals



*“I think that AHEC Scholars offered a unique insight into healthcare in our state that other people in our programs do not get to see in our standard curriculum.”*

*“I was able to dive deep into what health looks like in several different parts of WI. This program allowed me to connect with why I want to live and work in WI and gave me an opportunity to meet, learn, and work with other future health professionals of WI.”*

*“Participating in AHEC made me feel like part of a community of health professionals dedicated to serving rural Wisconsinites. The knowledge that I’m not alone in tackling this issue gives me hope and confidence for the future of the health of our state’s rural communities!”*

## Partner with us!

Wisconsin AHEC offers a variety of education and training programs designed to increase the diversity and distribution of the healthcare workforce and enhance healthcare quality and delivery in rural and medically underserved communities across Wisconsin's 72 counties. We serve over 5,000 learners annually including high school students, college and health professions students, and currently practicing health professionals.

You can extend your organization's reach by partnering with your local AHEC Center:

- Host a student for a hands-on community health internship or field placement
- Lend your expertise to our curriculum through virtual or in-person presentations/demonstrations
- Serve as a member of your local AHEC Center's board of directors
- Use our experienced staff to organize and facilitate your community health education event
- Other ideas? Let's talk!

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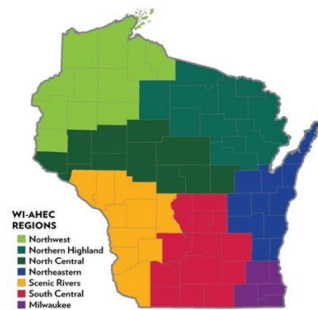
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