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Area Health Education Center Network

A collaboration with the University of Minnesota

The Minnesota Area Health Education Center (AHEC) at the University of Minnesota provides health professions students and residents with the opportunity to experience their profession from a broader perspective. Living and working in a urban or rural underserved community is a unique experience that provides both personal and professional rewards.

Minnesota AHEC is a growing statewide network of academic and community partners committed to meeting the health professions workforce needs of greater Minnesota.

Minnesota AHEC originates from the University of Minnesota Academic Health Center, which prepares dentists, nurses, pharmacists, physicians, public health professionals, veterinarians and health professional faculty for the future.

Minnesota AHEC supports health professions students through community-based education. It is a cooperative program involving the Academic Health Center schools and programs on the Twin Cities and Duluth campuses including Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health and Veterinary Medicine, as well as allied health programs in medical technology, mortuary science, occupational therapy and physical therapy.

The Minnesota AHEC Program Office at the University of Minnesota coordinates activities through regional AHECs. There are six regional AHECs in Minnesota. Although the AHECs have many things in common, each has a unique regional flavor that contributes to the richness of the educational opportunities it can provide. Each Center is located at a local hospital facility or community college and serves as a point of coordination for the region it serves. From these Centers, activities reach out and cover an entire geographic area.

Minnesota AHEC Regional Centers

The six established regional Minnesota AHEC centers provide several key services for students and residents.

These services include:

- Assisting in housing identification for students and residents upon request.
Assisting faculty in identifying clinical training sites.
Providing information specific to their region for rotation planning.
Connecting students and faculty to community members.
Identifying and promoting community based educational opportunities
Contacting students and residents during a rotation.
Being available as a resource for questions or problem-solving before and during a rotation.
Linking students who are on rotation in their region together, to share their experiences.

To see and hear more about specific AHEC communities, visit www.mnahec.umn.edu and click Minnesota AHEC Regions.

Table with 3 columns: Center Name, Contact Name, and Contact Info. Includes rows for Minnesota AHEC Program Office, Northeast MN AHEC, Southwest MN AHEC, Central MN AHEC, Northwest MN AHEC, Minnesota Urban AHEC, and Southeast MN AHEC.

## MN AHEC Interprofessional Practice and Education Projects

Interprofessional Practice and Education (IPE) projects have been developed in 14 Minnesota communities with support from the University of Minnesota Academic Health Center and funds from the Minnesota Medical Education Research Costs (MERC) fund. The overarching goals of these projects are to strengthen interprofessional practice and to build and sustain long-term interprofessional education partnerships. Overall, the projects seek to put interprofessional education into practice to the benefit of future health professionals, as well as to demonstrate the positive impact of interprofessional care on community health outcomes.

The challenges and opportunities of creating expert interprofessional teams are shared by all of the developing projects. These projects are moving forward and are creating unique, sustainable learning environments for health professions students. The projects work in partnership with the Minnesota Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program Office and its regional centers to address challenges, bridge resources, and increase collaboration across the state.

## MN AHEC Interprofessional Education Project Locations

MN AHEC Region	IPE Site City	IPE Project Focus	IPE Site Medical Center or Clinic	Year Funded
<b>Central MN AHEC</b>				
	Brainerd	Childhood Obesity	St. Joseph's Medical Center	2006
	Crosby	Preventative Care for Medicare Patients	Central Lakes Clinic & Cuyuna Regional Medical Center	2008
	Fergus Falls	Geriatric Falls Prevention	Lake Region Healthcare Corporation	2004
	St. Cloud	Alzheimers - Memory Clinic	Mid-MN Family Practice Residency Clinic	2006
	Staples	Palliative Care	Lakewood Health System	2008
<b>Northeast MN AHEC</b>				
	Hibbing	Diabetes Education	Fairview University Medical Center - Mesabi	2005
	Princeton	Medication Management	Fairview Northland Medical Center	2006
	Moose Lake	Geriatric Rehospitalization Prevention	Mercy Hospital & Health Care Center	2004
	Mountain Iron	Obesity Management & Preventative Health Care	Mountain Iron University Medical Center-Mesabi	2006
<b>Northwest MN AHEC</b>				
	Bemidji	Management of Homecare Patients	Iverson Corner Drug	2008
	Park Rapids	Obesity Management & Preventative Health Care	Dakota Clinic	2008
<b>Southern MN AHEC</b>				
	Montevideo	Prenatal Care	Chippewa County – Montevideo Hospital	2004
	New Ulm	Childhood Obesity	New Ulm Medical Center	2006
<b>MN Urban AHEC</b>				
	Minneapolis	Interprofessional Practice	Broadway Family Medicine	2008