

# Michigan AHEC Scholars Program

The Michigan AHEC Scholars program is an advanced learning opportunity which supplements classroom instruction. It aims to prepare students to enter the health professions workforce by teaching them important supplemental skills that might otherwise be missing from the student's normal academic curriculum.

Selection for this program will be competitive with a formal application process. This selective program will allow students to network with other health professions students and to learn how to provide care in an interdisciplinary environment while exploring current and emerging topics in healthcare.

AHEC Scholars is designed specifically for applicants from a diverse background who have a strong interest in providing healthcare to patients in rural and medically underserved communities across Michigan.

## Student Benefits

- Program Incentives
- Professional Networking Opportunity
- Competitive Resume Building
- Opportunity to work with other students across the state in urban and rural health environments
- AHEC Scholars Certificate gives national recognition of graduates as part of an elite group of future leaders in primary care

## Timeframe

2 year time commitment, requiring approximately 80 hours of effort /year



40 hours will be spent completing clinical and community based training



40 hours will be spent participating in various didactic training activities



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# Core Topic Areas

Educational and training activities for AHEC Scholars will be team-based and will support the following topic areas:



## Interprofessional Education

Supports a coordinated, patient-centered model of health care that involves an understanding of the contributions of multiple health care models.



## Behavioral Health Integration

Promotes the development of integrated primary and behavioral health services to better address the needs of individuals with mental health and substance use conditions.



## Social Determinants of Health

Includes economic stability, education, social and community context, health and health care and environment.



## Cultural Competency

Training health care providers to recognize and address the unique culture, language and health literacy of diverse communities.



## Practice Transformation

Targets the specific skills and competencies needed to prepare students and health professionals to effectively practice in a transforming health care system.



## Current and Emerging Health Issues

Geographically relevant health issues such as opioid abuse, trauma informed care, etc.



"Through the AHEC Scholars program, I have been able to advance my skills within the field of social work. I have learned how to better serve the population in which I work and even advance my own personal skills along the way. I have also learned the importance of interprofessional collaboration with other fields in healthcare. This has given me the opportunity to collaborate and work with others from different backgrounds. I have grown in this program and for that, I am thankful."

—Ravyn Rooney, AHEC Scholar, recent BSW graduate of Northern Michigan University and current MSW student at Michigan State University

## To Apply:

<https://formstack.io/9421A>

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