



EASTERN AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER

Part of the North Carolina AHEC Program

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The Eastern Area Health Education Center is one of nine AHECs in the North Carolina AHEC Program that link North Carolina's four academic health science centers, community hospitals and health agencies. Eastern AHEC's primary university affiliation is with East Carolina University.

The mission of the NC AHEC Program is to meet the state's health and health workforce needs by providing educational programs in partnership with academic institutions, health care agencies, and other organizations committed to improving the health of the people of North Carolina.

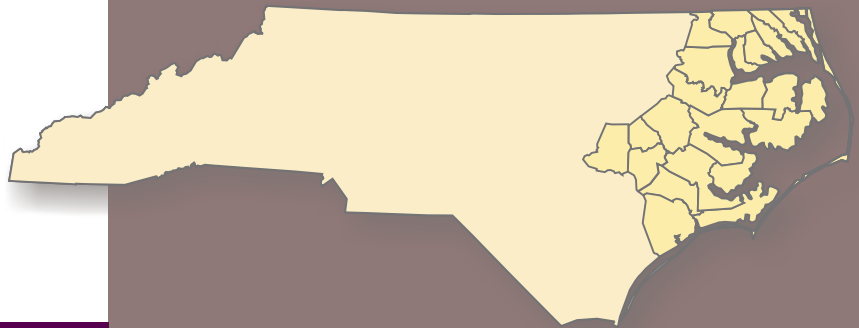
AHEC educational programs and information services are targeted toward:

- Improving the distribution and retention of health care providers, with special emphasis on primary care and prevention.
- Increasing the representation of minorities and disadvantaged populations in all health care disciplines.
- Enhancing the quality of care and improving health care outcomes.
- Addressing the health care needs of underserved communities and populations.

Eastern AHEC is an independent non-profit organization. Partnerships and collaborations are an integral part of its culture and are vital to the success of its mission. Eastern AHEC collaborates extensively with regional universities, community colleges, hospitals, health departments, mental health agencies, health care providers and many others to serve the needs of the region.

Counties Served

Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Greene, Hertford, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington and Wayne.





HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2010-2011 ACADEMIC YEAR

Continuing education for health care professionals

- 1,554 regional and on-site programs in Allied Health, Dentistry, Medicine, Mental Health, Nursing, Pharmacy and Public Health
- 32,105 people attended these programs
 - 1,203 were CME regional and on-site programs, offering 1,428 hours of *AMA PRA Category 1™* credit for 25,557 participants, the majority were physicians practicing in the region
 - **Allied Health** provided 64 programs for 2,267 participants
 - **Public Health** provided 21 programs for 927 participants
 - **Mental Health** provided 72 programs for 3,176 participants
 - **Nursing** provided 90 programs for 3,839 participants offering 610 hours of CNE credit
 - **Pharmacy** provided 12 programs for 346 participants
 - **Dental Health** offered 16 programs for 366 dental professionals

Community-based student experiences

- **Allied Health**
 - Supported 248 student months of clinical education in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Clinical Laboratory Sciences for the ECU College of Allied Health Sciences
- **Nursing**
 - Supported nursing off-campus clinical rotations totalling 1,526 undergraduate student months and 624 graduate student months in 246 agencies
- **Pharmacy**
 - Coordinated 150 student months of clinical rotations for PharmD students
- **Office of Regional Primary Care Education (ORPCE)**
 - Facilitated 382 months of student placements for medical, nurse practitioner, nurse midwifery and physician assistant students at 147 teaching sites
 - Provided housing for 302.5 student months in 14 EAHEC housing sites

Library Outreach Services

- 802 registered AHEC Digital Library users in the region registered 4,675 AHEC Digital Library Portal uses

Residency Training

Eastern AHEC supported 45 residents completing training in Family Medicine, Pediatrics, General Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Surgery and 31 Psychiatric Medicine residents (General Psychiatry, Internal/Psychiatry and Child and Adolescent).

Community collaborations

- Governor's Institute for Substance Abuse and NC STEP tobacco cessation education
- Regional Extension Center (REC) partners include Community Care Plan of Eastern Carolina (CCPEC), NC Medical Society Foundation, The Carolina's Center for Medical Excellence, NC Office of Rural Health, NC Institute of Public Health, Pitt Community College HITECH Program

Workforce development and training

- Provided the first coding and health information management conference for new ICD-10 diagnostic/procedural coding system
- 20 RN Refresher students enrolled this year
- Kicked off *Youth Health Service Corps (YHSC)* at Jones County High School
- 93 students attended summer health careers enrichment programs/camps: Destination Health Careers in Pitt County, Step into a Health Career Camp in Jones County and Camp Focus with students from Pitt, Beaufort and Martin Counties.
- 49 staff nurses prepared as part time clinical faculty for schools of nursing by the Clinical Education Partner course
- The Carolina Geriatric Education Center continued to fund collaborative activities by EAHEC, ECU and the Eastern North Carolina Fall Prevention Coalition to provide face to face and online education on fall prevention that prepares providers to screen seniors for falls risk.
- The high fidelity simulator provided to Brody School of Medicine was used by 2,468 participants during 258 simulation sessions
- Office of CME increased Regularly Scheduled Series from 45 to 60

Special or New Initiatives

- 3 National Networks of the Library of Medicine Awards awarded to Pungo District and Carteret General Hospitals and Beaufort Regional Health System
- Regional Extension Center (REC) enrolled over 546 eligible providers working in 162 primary care practices
- Implemented the Statewide AHEC Housing Database
- Students/Residents Experiences and Rotations in Community Health (SEARCH) completed second year with 22 Scholars
- Grant from the Citizen Soldier Support Program and New Bern District of the United Methodist Church supported development of a national DVD toolkit to assist clergy and mental health practitioners to work with returning vets and their families