



SOUTH CENTRAL

VIRGINIA AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER

Who We Are:

The South Central AHEC, located in Danville, is one of eight Area Health Education Centers (AHECs) found throughout the state of Virginia, with the purpose of identifying, recruiting, and retaining highly qualified health professionals. Our goal is to strengthen the healthcare workforce in this region to provide better care and support to medically underserved and rural communities. We are part of the Piedmont Access to Health Services, Inc. (PATHS), which is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). This has afforded us a unique opportunity to offer a wide range of services and resources to both health professions students and professionals. We are able to accomplish our goals through the partnerships we have established with academic institutions, health care facilities, other professional organizations, and surrounding communities.

Who We Serve:

The cities of Danville, Martinsville, and Lynchburg and the counties of Pittsylvania, Bedford, Henry, Patrick, Franklin, Campbell, Amherst, and Appomattox

Our Programs and Services:

Pipeline Recruitment Activities

Introduce middle and high school students to the many health-related careers through health and science summer camps, career fairs, and other creative, hands-on experiences.

Community-Based Health Education

We work to build relationships with and provide health education to communities in order to improve the health outcomes in this region.

Internships and Shadowing Opportunities

We provide clinical rotation placements and experiences for health profession students and professionals. Students interested in the health field can shadow our various locations and departments.

AHEC Scholars Program

This is a two-year program in which health profession students are given the opportunity to enhance their current knowledge and skills with additional educational material, resources, and clinical experiences.

Community Health Worker Program

Our Community Health Workers (CHWs) are true assets to their communities, increasing their clients' access to affordable and quality care and connecting them to key resources in the area.

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