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A partnership coordinated by the Georgia Regents University, the Georgia Statewide AHEC Network is a complex, multi-disciplinary effort which responds to the problems of health professionals supply and distribution in rural and underserved areas of the state.

The goal of the AHEC program is to improve access to quality, primary health care in medically underserved areas through educational activities designed to recruit, train, and retain community-based health care personnel where they are most needed. The system links communities, particularly rural, remote and underserved areas, with academic institutions to increase access to educational programs for health care professionals throughout the state.

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Mission: To support the recruitment, education, training and retention of a diverse health professions workforce throughout Georgia.

Health Professions Workforce Pipeline

RECRUIT → **TRAIN** → **RETAIN**

Network Program Goals:

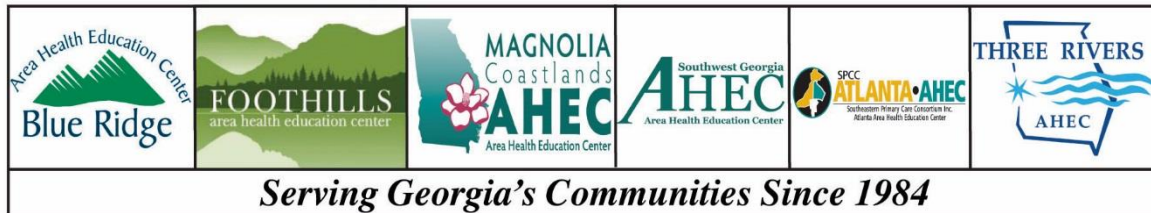
RECRUIT: to educate community members about health career choices and recruit future health professionals.

TRAIN: To facilitate community based clinical training experiences for students and residents.

RETAIN: To provide education resources to assist and support health care professionals.

Georgia AHEC Centers

Each AHEC Center is a community-driven, non-profit corporation supported by federal and local assistance. Each AHEC in Georgia will look a little different based on individual funding opportunities as well as needs of the communities they serve in their particular region.



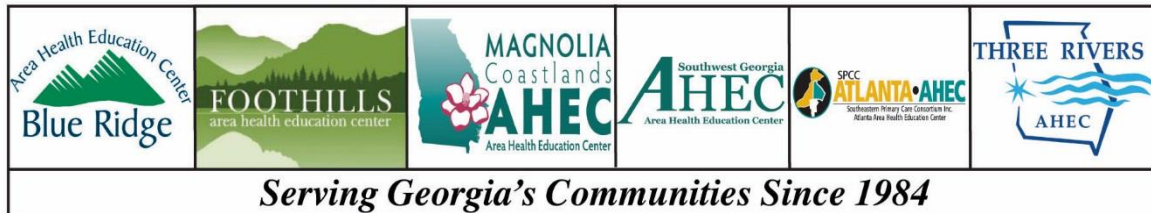
Health Professions Student Support:



Each AHEC office staffs a preceptor coordinator that works to develop partnerships with community based health care practitioners to provide necessary clinical training sites for various health professional students from Georgia and other states.

AHEC Preceptor Coordinators

- Blue Ridge AHEC – Mandy Hunter
- Foothills AHEC – Holly Stewart
- Magnolia Coastlands AHEC – Bela Kundu
- SOWEGA AHEC – Rashae Oliver
- SPCC Atlanta AHEC – Kedrick Williams
- Three Rivers AHEC – Crystal Hand



AHEC is Here To Help You:

- Housing/housing stipend
- Travel stipend (if no housing provided and funding is available)
- Support while on rotation
- Financial aid information
- Orientation and information about local community

NOTE: AHEC funding for housing and travel stipends is based on state and federal dollars as well as community partnerships and grant opportunities. Changes to housing availability and locations can occur during the academic year based on those funding sources.

Things you **MUST** do before a community based education rotation:

- Read all information about a site and follow instructions on how/when to report and what to do before the rotation
- Contact local AHEC (6 weeks prior to rotation start date)
- Turn in all necessary AHEC paperwork on time
- Make sure all information provided to a site is up to date
- Read AHEC housing agreement carefully

What you should know about AHEC housing:

- Sign and return AHEC housing agreement
- AHEC housing is clean, safe and sufficient
- You can and most likely will share a room
- AHEC housing is co-ed
- All housing rules are expected to be followed and will be enforced
- The AHEC housing is provided to you in most cases at no cost

AHEC Housing Continued:

- If you indicated the need for housing when you went through the lottery then housing has been reserved for you and you are expected to use it.
- If you do not need housing you requested then cancel immediately.
- If you fail to use your reserved AHEC housing and do not cancel before 30 days you can be fined \$200 and forfeit future use of housing.
- Read AHEC housing agreement carefully and be aware of all rules and cancellation policies.

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