

UVM Office of Primary Care and the Vermont Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program

VT AHEC is a statewide network of academic and community partners working together to increase the supply, geographic distribution, and education of Vermont's health workforce.

VT AHEC works across the health workforce pipeline from middle school students to practicing health professionals. This work includes:

- health careers awareness, exploration, and preparation programs for youth
- support for medical student clinical rotations
- mentoring community-based projects for students
- opportunities for health professions students to increase knowledge, strengthen leadership skills, and gain competencies (e.g., AHEC Scholars)
- workforce recruitment and retention initiatives (e.g., incentive scholarships, educational loan repayment programs, physician recruitment and placement services)
- continuing education and quality improvement initiatives for health professionals

In July 2023 to June 2024, VT AHEC:

- provided continuing education to 2,785 health professionals
- generated more than 5,595 middle school, high school, and undergraduate student connections
- supported 70 primary care Family Medicine medical student clinical rotations
- engaged 325 medical students in the AHEC Scholars Program
- worked with 154 primary care practice sites in the state, many of which precepted UVM medical students
- facilitated 8 new physician placements into the Vermont workforce
- processed 465 applications to the Vermont Educational Loan Repayment Program for Healthcare Professionals and disbursed \$2,360,900 to reduce educational debt in exchange for service contracts in VT



TRANSFORMING THE WORKFORCE

The overarching aim of VT AHEC is to provide statewide health workforce development programs that support an appropriate, current and future, health workforce so that all Vermonters have access to quality health care.

