"Making Connections for a Healthy Colorado"

2018 – 2019 Academic Year
**COAHEC Mission:**

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**Distribution:** Increase the potential for health profession students in medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, public health and allied health to practice in a rural or urban underserved community by immersing them in underserved community experiences through Community-Based Education Training Programs, Field Placements, and Interprofessional Education and Training; provide access to evidenced-based health information, accredited high quality continuing education programs and support for health practitioners serving in rural and medically underserved areas in Colorado; and,

**Practice Transformation:** Facilitate and support practice transformation of Colorado's healthcare system by promoting a patient-centered approach, addressing social determinants of health through a team-based, data-centered method with a focus on improving quality and community health outcomes in rural and medically underserved areas.
The Area Health Education Center (AHEC) system was established nationally in 1971 with the goal of improving the supply, distribution, retention and quality of primary care and other health practitioners in medically underserved areas of the United States. Almost every state has an AHEC system consisting of a central program office and regional offices. The regional offices operate on a nonprofit basis and are governed by a director and regional board of directors. Program offices must be associated with a university health science center, so Colorado’s program office is located on the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and is supported by the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs.

Funding for AHEC operations and programs comes from a combination of sources including the Health Resources Services Administration, the University of Colorado’s Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, and grants and contracts for specific programs.

The AHEC system partners with a wide range of educational and service organizations to:

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62,076 participants*

Health Career Programs expose students to health careers and current practitioners/health-profession students to emerging topics and encourage students to pursue education in primary healthcare professions.

- 61,177 health career program participants
  - 48% from disadvantaged backgrounds
  - 77% from rural backgrounds
  - 27% underrepresented minorities

Clinical training improves readiness, willingness, and ability of health professions trainees to serve in primary care, rural, and underserved Colorado community settings.

- 61,177 health career program participants
  - 22,525 nights of housing students during rural/underserved rotations
  - 180,200 hours of health professions students immersed in rural/underserved clinical training

766 Health-professions students placed in rural and underserved locations (may include students in multiple rotations)

- 171 medical students
- 595 associated health professions students

26,909 curriculum-based (structured) pipeline program participants

Training sites include:

- 167 primary care setting
- 158 located in a medically underserved community
- 182 located in a rural area

Continuing education programs address key issues in health professional shortage areas by providing health professionals with access to resources that support practice, reduce professional isolation, disseminate best practices, and improve quality of healthcare for medically underserved communities and health disparities populations.

- 36 received CEU’s
- 94% employed in medically underserved communities

*Numbers do not include thousands of K-8 and community outreach participants and do include duplicate counts where individuals have participated in multiple programs.
AMC student housing available for rotations more than 40 miles from Anschutz Medical Campus

- Housing Arranged by the Colorado AHEC Regional Offices: Housing where students stay in homes in the community. Regional Student Support Service Liaisons make the arrangements and pay the homeowner.

- Student Found Housing: CU Anschutz students may choose to find their own housing. The student pays for the housing in advance and requests reimbursement when the rotation has ended. Reimbursement is a maximum of $15 per each night of the rotation. Students must follow reimbursement procedures and deadlines.

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An analysis of the county Public Health Improvement Plans reveals that Substance Use Disorder and Mental/Behavioral Health are priorities in all communities in the Central region.

CCAHEC is a partner in many community-based collaborations working to reduce the use, misuse, and overdoses associated with opioids and prescription drugs. Working with a variety of stakeholders in all counties, CCAHEC is involved with several community initiatives addressing the crisis.

In FY 18 CCAHEC was named an awardee for an AmeriCorps State and National program with Serve Colorado and for an AmeriCorps VISTA program with the Corporation for National Community Service (CNCS).

Collectively these programs are known as the Colorado AmeriCorps Community Opioid Response Program (CORP). These programs rely on a partnership between CCAHEC, the Regional Area Health Education Centers (AHECs), Rise Above Colorado, the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention (the Consortium), and the Colorado Attorney General’s Substance Abuse Trend and Response Task Force.

The overarching goal of the partnership is to link the existing infrastructures of the AHECs, Rise Above, the Consortium, and the Task Force with local community coalitions. The CORP uses a “constellation model” approach that has been identified as a best practice, designed to bring together multiple groups or sectors and work toward a shared goal.
Community Health

“When community members see service in action, they are empowered to help the community in their own ways.”

-Brody Montoya, Member
Due to a generous donation from the Daniels Foundation we were able to conduct a pilot year of the AHEC Careers Exploration Program (ACEP). Matching funds and support from the CU Anschutz School of Medicine allowed us to merge ACEP with the Colorado Rural Health Scholars program which had similar goals. Additionally, we added partners from the CU Anschutz Office of Inclusion and Outreach and the CU Boulder Pre-Collegiate Program to reduce any duplication of effort and potential competition over students. Combining these efforts has allowed us to provide a high-quality experiential learning opportunity for students from every region of the state.

ACEP is the name given to the program after combining several successful programs including: the Summer Health Careers Institute (SHCI), Grow Your Own (GYO), and Colorado Rural Health Scholars (CRHS) which the AHEC program office and our regional offices have extensive experience implementing in partnership with high schools throughout Colorado. To enhance and improve programming, ACEP is now a yearlong program that takes place in all six Colorado AHEC regions. By increasing the number of “Academies”—to 8 sessions—we provide high school participants with increased exposure to healthcare careers, an integrated curriculum, with a formative camp experience giving students access to an undergraduate campus and the resources on the Anschutz Medical Campus.

Anschutz Medical Campus and AHEC leadership has a longstanding commitment to assessing the impact of training experiences to ensure they are contributing to the student’s success and meeting workforce needs of Colorado. For example, we administer pre- and post-tests and/or surveys to measure program impact on the students. We conduct a follow-up survey to determine if the tools we used in the program helped the students enter a healthcare profession or pursue a college education.

Tania Soto-Valenzuela (not pictured) from CUA’s Urban Underserved Track debriefs an lesson on the way social determinants of health impact each of us in differently.
Therefore, through monitoring and evaluation, we can expect to be able to show following impacts:

- Increase the number and diversity of high-school students from throughout Colorado who participate in the ACEP. Our diversity measurements will include geography (rural v. frontier), as well as demographic information. We anticipate that the diversity of the students participating in this program will start building a strong foundation for a diverse Colorado workforce.

- Strengthen the participants’ college application and access to health and technical professions. We expect that given relevant classroom and hands on activities, as well as mentorship, our students will be set apart from those who did not participate in ACEP.

- In the long term, we anticipate this program will contribute to Colorado communities developing and retaining healthcare professionals and a health-oriented workforce.

In the 2017-2018 school year, 137 students participated in ACEP academies in the six AHEC Regions in Colorado, and 52 attend the weeklong camp (10 additional ACEP students attended the camp in our Southwest Region). The students responded positively to the experiences related to knowledge, career insights, and improved attitudes related to pursuing health care careers. Our full 30-page evaluation summary was included in our grant report. We are recruiting students for the 2018-2019 school year program and each region is anticipating 20 or more students. We are currently in need of funding for the ACEP camp and the 2019-2020 school year academies.

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3 AHEC’s are host organizations for the Regional Health Connectors (RHC) Program.

The Regional Health Connectors program is a joint effort between Trailhead Institute, formerly Colorado Foundation for Public Health and the Environment (CFPHE) and Colorado Health Institute (CHI).

Funding is received through two practice transformation initiatives in Colorado: EvidenceNOW Southwest (ENSW) and the Colorado State Innovation Model (SIM).

The RHC program is a part of the overarching practice transformation convener, the Colorado Health Extension System (CHES).
Continuing Education

The RN and LPN Refresher courses help a registered nurse or LPN/LVN, whose license has been inactive or expired for more than two years or who has not practiced nursing for a two-year period, get their license renewed as required by the Colorado State Board of Nursing.

The online “anytime, anywhere” program allows students to direct and control their own learning environment and is offered on BlackBoard and can be accessed from any computer with internet access.

The ongoing offering of our RN and LPN Refresher course has provided a statewide reach for 100 individuals to re-enter the workforce.

CCAHEC also offers a simulation/skills lab through Platt College School of Nursing. This has been developed to help nurses who have been away from the bedside for more than 5 years to refresh their skills and prepare for their clinical experience in compliance with the Board of Nursing.

These “practice sessions” will better prepare the nurses for clinical care and gain them an advantage in getting hired by the facility.

While committed to community-based primary care practice, many physicians are also interested in conducting research and have joined CU SOM’s State Networks of Colorado Ambulatory Practices and Partners (SNOCAP). CCAHEC assists by recruiting and training providers for studies. The Federal wide Assurance (FWA) training conducted by CCAHEC helps practices who do research navigate the requirements set forth by the University of Colorado’s Internal Review Board.

In the fall of 2017, CCAHEC participated in and supported the annual SNOCAP Convocation and CCTSI Community Engagement Research Exchange. This event brought researchers and practitioners together to discuss current trends, current research and results and included an impressive poster session.
Colorado Regional AHECs Florence Nightingale Awards/Galas

By Doreen Gonzales and Gloria Nussbaum

Since 1999, the Colorado Nurse Foundation has recognized the vital impact of the nurse and the nurse profession through the annual Nightingale Luminary Awards and Gala. Though regional Nightingale Luminary Awards events, nurses are nominated and recognized throughout Colorado as Luminaries.

Colorado AHECs are proud to showcase their selections for Luminaries in 2018 regional events.

Southeastern Colorado AHEC: Baca, Bent, Chaffee, Cheyenne, Crowley, Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Kiowa, Lake, Las Animas, Otero, Park, Prowers, Pueblo, and Teller counties

Held at the Sange de Cristo Arts and Conference Center in Pueblo, two nurses from Parkview Medical Center and one nurse each from Arkvalley Resource Center, Centura St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center and Colorado Mental Health Institutes at Pueblo were honored Friday, March 31, as 2018 Colorado Nightingale Luminaries.

Receiving the regional honor were Parkview's Rhonda Lewis and Janet Philson, Arkvalley's Chris Casper, Centura St. Mary-Corwin's Ellen Lane and Kelly Wade of Colorado Mental Health Institutes.

Southwestern Colorado AHEC: Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Montezuma, Ouray, San Juan and San Miguel counties.

Four Southwest Colorado Nightingale Luminary nominees received regional recognition during the March 15, 2018 event at the Strater. Winners for clinical practice included: Nancy Cole, of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, for advocacy; and Michelle Hayo, of Mercy Regional Medical Center, for leadership. Winners for administration, education, research or nontraditional practice included: Mary Shry, of Mercy Regional Medical Center, for advocacy; and Linda Young, of Mercy Regional Medical Center, for leadership. The Star Awards, founded in 2014, were also announced during the event, and honored a “rising star” novice nurse and “shining star” expert nurse. Kim Ackles, of Pueblo Community College, received the Shining Star Award and Paul Geslao, of Mercy Regional Medical Center, received the Rising Star Award.
San Luis Valley AHEC: Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache counties

Two nurses each from Valley-Wide Health Systems and San Luis Valley Health were honored Friday, Feb. 24, as 2017 Colorado Nightingale Luminaries.

Receiving the regional honor were Sandi Beheiry and Michelle Mascarenas of Valley-Wide and Nina Harmsen and Kelly Gallegos of San Luis Valley Health.

Centennial AHEC: Elbert, Kit Carson, Larimer, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld, and Yuma counties

Three nurses from Banner Health Northern Colorado in Greeley and two nurses from UC Health hospitals in Fort Collins and Loveland joined a sixth nurse from Aspen House Memory Care were celebrated on March 11, 2018 as Colorado Nightingale Luminaries.

Receiving the regional honor were Banner Health's Suzanne Ketchem, Elena Nelson Squires and Stephen Neuman, UC Health’s Melanie Roberts and Robyn Gustafson, and Aspen House Memory Care's Allissa Randazzo.

Central AHEC

Nominees were selected in three categories—Leadership, Innovation and Advocacy. Their area of practice was designated as either clinical practice or administration, education or research. These categories reflect the wide scope of practice of nursing today. The following are the 2018 regional awardees from the Denver area:

Kimberly Kassab, Porter Adventist Hospital, Carmencita Lorenzo Lewis, Porter Adventist Hospital, Kristen A. Oster, Porter Adventist Hospital, Kathleen Martinez, Colorado Childrens Hospital, Christine E. Peyton, Colorado Childrens Hospital, Gineenne Sullivan, Colorado Childrens Hospital, Deb Center, Center for Nursing Excellence, Kim Powell, Denver Health, Lauren Cittadino, Swedish Medical Center, Laura-Anne Cleveland, Swedish Medical Center, Victoria Owens, Swedish Medical Center, Natalie Fiore, The Medical Center of Aurora, Andrea Burch, Lutheran Medical Center, Shelly Cannon, Lutheran Medical Center, Kiera Shaffer, Lutheran Medical Center, Karen Kaley, St. Joseph Hospital, Shelly Weber, St. Joseph Hospital, Michelle Deuto, West Pines Behavioral Health, Elyse Bueno, University of Colorado Hospital, Brianna Hoffner, University of Colorado Hospital, Brandi Schimpf, University of Colorado Hospital, Kelly Touhy, University of Colorado Hospital, Stephanie Wong, University of Colorado Hospital, Jessica Anderson, University of Colorado, College of Nursing
A FREE interactive bilingual exhibition that makes learning about health science fun for all ages. The exhibit is traveling to libraries around Colorado.

**Upcoming locations:**

Delta Public Library

Rifle Branch Library
Medical School for everyone!

You are cordially invited to attend the University of Colorado School of Medicine’s Mini Med School Program. The 29th season begins September 2018, running Wednesday nights for a total of 8 weeks. This program is broadcast from the Anschutz Medical Campus to sites throughout Colorado.

Thousands of Coloradans have attended this free program; no background in biology or science required! Our best teachers will explain what our medical students are learning, in language that anyone can understand. Learn how your body works, in sickness and in health, and ask questions. At the end of the 8 weeks, you will receive your own Mini Med School diploma. It will not let you practice medicine, but it will give you more confidence when talking to your healthcare providers and taking charge of your own wellness.

For more information, please go to http://medschool.ucdenver.edu/MiniMed

CU Anschutz Medical Campus
Located in Aurora, Colorado, in the Education 2 South auditorium on the medical campus.

CU South Denver
Located in Lone Tree, Colorado, CU South Denver holds university courses and has a museum and other public events. Held in the Movie Theater.

CU Boulder , Held in the room: HLMS 201.

University of Northern Colorado -College of Nursing, 3000 Gunter Hall.

San Luis Valley (Trinidad State Community College)

Southeastern Colorado (Pueblo County Library Rawlings Branch)

Southwestern Colorado (Cortez, Durango, Silverton )

Western Colorado (Craig, Delta, Grand Junction, Gypsum Parachute, Montrose, Steamboat Springs)
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KNOWLEDGE SHARED BY MANY HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

ECHO (Extension for Community Health Outcomes) Colorado gives voice to knowledge. We offer a unique platform that provides the opportunity to be part of a community where experts and peers share knowledge and experience using technology, not proximity, to connect.

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We, at ECHO Colorado, are all health professionals from either the clinical or public health world who realize the power of sharing knowledge across miles and across disciplines. We also realize that experience is as valuable a teacher as academic training.

ECHO IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE UNITE TO HELP EVERYONE FOSTER CHANGE.

ECHO sessions combine the interactive learning and case-based sharing aspects of an in-person training with the improved access and convenience of connecting through an audio and video-based online experience.

Let’s leverage technology to overcome distance and establish a collaborative learning community. Let’s come together and make our knowledge ECHO.

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Audience: Clinicians with zero - minimal experience Precepting
(Up to 5.0 CME credits available by the American Academy of Family Physicians)

Commitment: Five weekly ECHO sessions held virtually
Tuesdays 7:00am - 8:00am MST
October 2, 2018 - October 30, 2018

OTHER CURRENT AND UPCOMING ECHO SERIES
NEC in the Rockies 2018 at a Glance

Our Nurse Educator Conference 2018 in Vail has come to a close! The speakers this year were fabulous! Everyone enjoyed the conference and already looking forward to next year! Thank you to all that presented.

- We had 321 participants who attended from all over the country -
  - 118 were from Colorado -
  - 24 nursing students joined us -
  - One individual traveled from the Virgin Islands -
  - Others traveled from as far away as Hawaii, British Columbia, New York, and Pennsylvania -

NEC in the Rockies….. Call for Service 2019!

This is your chance to get involved with NEC.

We are currently recruiting for committee members for the Nurse Educators conference in the Rockies 2019 Planning Committee. This group meets electronically for one hour on the third Wednesday of the month. Members attend the event and serve in a variety of capacities to assist with event related activities.

Email or call Monica at 970 330 3608 or Mmika@cahec.org.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HEALTH SCREENINGS
Health Professions Students, Clinical & Non-Clinical Faculty & Staff

Screenings Include:
- Health Assessment Interview
- Blood Pressure
- Pulse Oximetry
- Blood Glucose
- BMI Calculation
- Vision Screening
- Balance Screening

Please join our mailing list for updates on the National Western Stock show and other volunteer opportunities.
REGISTER NOW!

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention
2018 Annual Meeting

Please join us Thursday, Oct. 25 for the Consortium’s annual meeting.

This year’s meeting will have a new format. In addition to an update about the Consortium’s work, the meeting will feature:

- updates about federal efforts from SAMHSA
- a discussion of bills proposed to the state Legislature
- news from state agencies and Consortium partners
- additional time for networking and a poster walk

Please register by Oct. 4. A livestream will be available.
https://corxconsortium2018.eventbrite.com

Thursday, Oct. 25
7:30 a.m to 4:30 p.m.

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Here is everything you need to know about how to take advantage of this exciting new incentive aimed at increasing the rural primary healthcare workforce!

Who can take advantage? and WHAT do I get?

**WHO?** Rural CO preceptors for these disciplines:

- **MD, DO, APN**
- **PA, DDS, DDM**

**WHAT?**

- **$1,000**
- Tax credit against taxes owed per income year for an eligible preceptorship provided during the tax year in which the credit is claimed.

**WHEN?**

Eligible preceptorships taking place in a tax income years 2017-2019.

Where do I have to be precepting?

Eligible preceptorships must take place in Colorado rural and frontier counties. In order to find out if you are in a rural or frontier county, please visit the following website:

[www.ruralhealthinfo.org/am-i-rural](http://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/am-i-rural)

**HOW do I get started?**

In order to claim this credit, the preceptor must:

1. Complete the Department of Revenue certification form, located at [http://coruralhealth.org/precept](http://coruralhealth.org/precept) stating that the preceptor satisfied all requirements to receive the credit from the institution for which the preceptor teaches or from the regional AHEC office with jurisdiction over the area in which the preceptorship took place.
2. Send an electronic copy of this completed certification by email to dor_preceptor@state.co.us
3. If the preceptor receives notification from the Department that the credit has been issued to him or her, file a Colorado income tax return and claim the credit on his or her return. If a preceptor provides DOR the certification form by mail that they do not send the certification form before January 1, 2018. However, providing this form by mail is only necessary if the preceptor is filing a paper return.
4. Please complete our survey to ensure the Rural & Frontier Health Care Preceptor Credit will be reauthorized in the future: [http://coruralhealth.org/preceptor-survey](http://coruralhealth.org/preceptor-survey)

Up to 200 credits will be issued each tax year in chronological order based on the timestamp of the email the Department receives from the preceptor, which must include an electronic copy of the completed certification.

Additional Details

- The aggregate amount of the tax credit awarded cannot exceed $1,000 per income tax year, regardless of the number of preceptorships provided.
- The preceptorship must last a total of not less than four weeks during the income year.
- No more than 200 eligible preceptors per year are entitled to claim the credit.
- If the amount of the credit exceeds the amount of income tax owed, the amount of the credit not used will not be refunded to the tax payer, but may be carried forward an applied against the income tax due in the next 5 succeeding income tax years.
- The regional AHEC may charge a fee for certification of the tax credit.
- A preceptor may precept multiple eligible students to satisfy the preceptorship duration requirements.
AHEC Scholars
Program Description

- Elective addition to an existing program that culminates in the completion of and/or graduation from a degree or certificate program in a health care field.
- Will have a formal application process with defined eligibility criteria.
- New cohorts each academic year of the project period (per AHEC center).
- Provide an interdisciplinary curriculum with discipline-specific points of entry, exit and objectives.
- Provide clinical, didactic, and community-based and team-based training activities.
- Based on 6 Core Topic Areas
  1. Interprofessional Education
  2. Behavioral Health Integration
  3. Social Determinants of Health
  4. Cultural Competency
  5. Practice Transformation
  6. Current/Emerging Issues
- Require 40 hours per year of didactic education outside of the traditional curriculum.
- A minimum of 40 hours per year of clinical education must consist of participation in team-based training.
- One AHEC Scholars Program per AHEC Program (1 program in Colorado).
- Minimum of 15-25 new student cohort per center each year; the number of centers determines the total number of students per academic year of the project period. There should be a balanced diversity of health disciplines.
- Individual centers may have fewer than 15-25 students as long as the total number required for the AHEC Scholars Program under the direction of the AHEC Program is correct.
- COAHEC is required to have 90-150 students.
- Placements should be in rural and/or underserved settings.
- One year follow-up is required.

Eligible Programs

Certified Nursing Assistant - CNA
Dental Assistant
Dental Hygienist
Dentistry – DDS/DMD
Medicine - MD
Nursing – 2-year ADN or 4-year BSN - resulting in an RN licensure
Occupational Therapist – OT
Osteopathy - DO
OT Assistant
Paramedic – EMT
Pharmacy - PHARM D
Physical Therapist – PT
Physicians Assistant - PA
PT - Assistant
Public Health – MPH and BPH
Social Work – MSW
AHEC Scholars, provides health professions students with a unique learning experience. AHEC Scholars will be nationally known as possessing a desirable set of competencies.

Learning opportunities will include:

- Interprofessional Education
- Behavioral Health Integration
- Social Determinants of Health
- Cultural Competency
- Practice Transformation
- Current/Emerging Issues:
  - Colorado’s response to the Opioid Epidemic
  - Marijuana
  - Oral Health: Access to care and primary care integration
  - Mental Health: Access to care
  - Suicide Prevention
  - Health Effects of Oil and Gas Extraction

The AHEC Scholars Program is a two-year commitment AHEC Scholars will participate in a minimum of 40 hours per year of team-based training (that may be a part of their current required curriculum) and 40 hours per year of instruction (in addition to current required curriculum) focused on the six HRSA AHEC Core Topic Areas. AHEC will provide a one-year follow up after graduation or program completion.

If you are interested and believe you are eligible, please visit the website of the AHEC Regional Center in your area to apply. A map and contact info is on the last two pages of this newsletter.

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