

The Maine Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Network's mission is to alleviate health workforce shortages in rural and underserved areas of the state.

Maine AHEC Network Reaches Thousands Across Maine In Fiscal Year 2013

Participants in Continuing Education Programs	4,611
Clinical Rotations Arranged	345
Medical students	28%
Dental students	5%
Physician Assistant students	11%
Nurse Practitioner students	9%
All other allied health professionals	55%
Students participating in multi-day Health Career Camps	103
Job shadows for high school and college students	87

Maine AHEC Network Priority Initiatives for FY'14

The Maine AHEC Network is looking forward to working with our partners to make FY'14 a success. AHEC will be adding new initiatives in the coming year while expanding some existing programs.

In collaboration with UNE's Interprofessional Education (IPE) Collaborative, we will be supporting some exciting new training opportunities that will enhance our work on interprofessional education and practice. We expect to see several new IPE clinical placement sites coming on board in FY'14.

In addition, we will expand our tribal initiatives, support the return of UNE's Summer Dental Camp, and work with the Veterans Administration on new trainings for VA staff and community providers.

Spotlight on: Eastern Maine AHEC



Penobscot Community Health Care (PCHC), home of Eastern Maine AHEC, successfully hosted its 4th annual Dental Academy April 16-18th, 2013. Over the course of 3 days, students in grades 9-12 participated in activities that were designed to promote and explore the dental health professions.

Remay Burke, a junior volunteer for the Academy notes, "When you get behind this chair and you see firsthand what's happening ... I honestly think it's amazing to see an extraction or root canal. It's a really great opportunity to see if this is what you really want to do."

"The main thing that they learn here is quality patient dental care," says Cami Cousineau, an Expanded Functions Dental Assistant at PCHC. "They learn from the beginning, getting the patient from the waiting room to the very second they leave - from the beginning to the end of their experience."

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Veterans' Mental Health Project July 16, 2013



Maine AHEC Network sponsored a 4-hour continuing education program for health providers on veterans' mental health issues. This program was part of a national effort to reach out to civilian providers on the needs of veterans and their families who may be coping with post deployment mental and behavioral health issues and seeking health care in the civilian sector.

More than 100 health professionals attended the program on the UNE Portland campus. The program included six presentations on military culture, behavioral health issues, Veterans' Administration system, Tri-Care health system, and transitioning from military to civilian life.

A video of the entire program as well as PowerPoint slides and a resource list can be found on AHEC's website www.une.edu/ahec/.

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Maine AHEC Network Summer Camps Success!



Western Maine AHEC hosted their 10th Summer Scrub Club Camp this year from June 24–June 27 at the Ben Franklin Center at Franklin Memorial Hospital. The camp is designed to introduce participants to a wide variety of careers available in health care and is open to all students entering grades 8-12.

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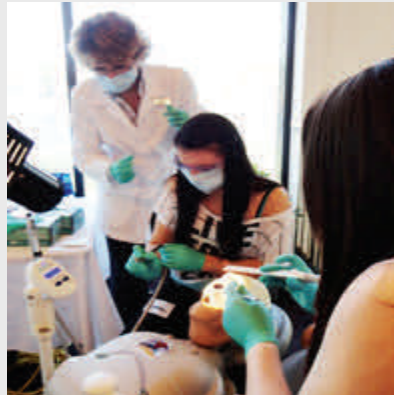


The Aroostook Medical Center welcomed a new group of students onto the University of Maine at Presque Isle campus on June 17-21, 2013 for **Northern Maine AHEC's** 11th annual Survivor Aroostook. During the week campers, ages 13 to 14 years of age, are introduced to as many as nineteen different healthcare careers by way of hands-on investigation, such as learning how to suture a wound or casting a broken limb.

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In May, the Maine AHEC Network **Program Office** co-sponsored with Maine Indian Education (MIE) and Elder Circle, Inc., the Tribal Career Expo II aimed at introducing middle and high school Native American students in Washington County to the health professions.

More than 100 students attended the event along with their teachers and other community partners. AHEC's booth highlighted hands-on dental activities designed to explore dental health professions and oral health practices via the use of a clinical dental simulator.



Thanks to **Northern Maine AHEC** and Dr. Norma Desjardins, Partner/Academy Dental, PA and Executive Director at St. Apollonia Dental Clinic in Presque Isle, for assisting at the AHEC booth.

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The dental simulator is on permanent loan to the AHEC's Program Office. If you have interest in having the simulator available for an event, please contact Maryfrances Smith at least 6 weeks prior to your event.

AHEC Staff Changes

We would like to offer our best wishes to **Karen Rogers** as she moves on from her role as the Western Maine AHEC Director. Karen has provided many years of leadership and creative thinking to the AHEC program. We are pleased to welcome **Lorri Brown** who has been named the new Western Maine AHEC Director. Lorri has been involved in AHEC activities of the last couple of years and we look forward to working with her on a full time basis. Welcome also to the Program Office's new Training Coordinator **Dawn Lovelace**.



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