MAINE AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER (AHEC) NETWORK

The Maine Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Network works to alleviate shortages of health professionals in Maine’s rural and underserved areas by actively engaging with academic and community partners to:

- Develop a health career pipeline for Maine youth and mid-career professionals who are most likely to stay in Maine to live and work.
- Provide rural, community-based clinical training experiences for medical and other health professions students.
- Support practicing health professionals with continuing education and distance learning opportunities to train and to retain Maine health professionals within the state of Maine.

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MAINE AHEC NETWORK MAKES A DIFFERENCE

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spent four days participating in a variety of hands-on activities. Youth had the
This summer approximately 70 youth from five Farmington-area school districts
introduce students entering grades 8–12 to a wide variety of careers available in
2014, in Farmington Maine at Franklin Memorial Hospital. The camp is designed to
WESTERN MAINE AHEC hosted its 11th Summer Scrub Club Camp from June 23 to 26,
Medical Outreach Maine. Eleven UMO pre-med and two nursing students along with
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high school health career fairs
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tribes and to mentor those who have an interest in health professions.
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More than 1480 students introduced to health career opportunities.
More than 180 students participated in AHEC health programs of 10+ hours,
More than 450 health professions students received training at 37 community-
More than 600 contact hours of health education programs were provided to
nurse practitioners (10%), nurses (22%), or first responders (6%).
More than 2225 health professionals received training through AHEC program.