

Summary of Partnership
July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008
Forsyth County

HEALTH CAREERS, DIVERSITY & RECRUITMENT

Northwest AHEC (NW AHEC) offers health careers awareness programs (30-45 minutes per program) in schools for grades K-8 and structured programs for grades 9-12 (twenty hours or more).

Grades K-8— A total of **1,995** local students and staff from Forsyth County participated in **18** health careers’ presentations as follows:

Date	School	Presentation*	Number of Students
10/1/07	Clemmons Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	131
10/19/07	Whitaker Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	193
11/13/07	Marvin Ward Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	270
11/16/07	Easton Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	166
1/7/08	Downtown Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	179
2/8/08	Southwest Elementary – Clemmons	Puppet Bunch	166
2/20/08	Kennedy Learning Center	Cool People, Cool Careers	97
3/4/08	Bolton Elementary	Puppet Bunch	249
4/18/08	Moore Magnet	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	175
4/28/08	Walkertown Middle	Cool People, Cool Careers	196
5/13/08	Kernersville Middle	Cool People, Cool Careers	108
5/27/08	Forsyth Academy	Cool People, Cool Careers	65

* Puppet Bunch is designed for grades K-2, CATCH for grades 3-5, and Cool People, Cool Careers for grades 6-8.

Grades 9-12—Forsyth County participated in the Summer Camp Med Program through two partnerships. One was a partnership between Forsyth Medical Center (FMC) of Novant Health and the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools and the other partnership was WFU School of Medicine and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. Each partnership is offered \$1,500 in support of the program which usually consists of a collaborative effort between the local hospital and the local school system to organize a one week, day camp for high school students to explore a variety of health careers. A total of **13** students participated in **20** hours of health careers exploration in Camp Med Forsyth County. A total of **22** students participated in **20** hours of health careers exploration in Camp Med WFUSM. NW AHEC will make this offer again in November 2008 for a summer 2009 program.

Eleven students from Forsyth County participated in the NC AHEC annual “Future Leaders in Healthcare Conference” which was held during the fiscal year. This educational conference provides high school students from across the state, who are interested in health careers, an opportunity to learn more about health occupations while also learning more about the post-secondary programs oriented toward careers in health. **Three** students from Forsyth County participated in the summer 2008 NW AHEC Project SEARCH Academy (Student Education, Awareness and Recruitment for Careers in Health)-- a one week, residential summer camp on the campus of Wake Forest University during which rising eighth grade students are exposed to a variety of health science presentations and observation tours. **Ten** student representatives from Forsyth County participated in the Mini-Fellowship in Research Program which is a 6 week program for high school students during which they conduct hands-on research while being mentored by faculty from Winston-Salem State University or WFU School of Medicine. This program and Project SEARCH Academy are collaborations between CERTL (the Center of Research for Teaching and Learning) and Northwest AHEC. Northwest AHEC also collaborated with CERTL on the Biology Enrichment Program. Students selected for the program were identified as being at high risk of not passing the state biology end of course test and were also rising 10th graders. They were enrolled in a college freshman biology course with emphasis on lab work at WFU for two weeks during the summer and matched with WFUSM student mentors. Students were subsequently enrolled in Honors Biology and were monitored by CERTL and Northwest AHEC staff during the school year. Students successfully passed the state biology end of course test.

Information about other NW AHEC youth programs can be found by going to our website: northwestahec.org or by contacting Mr. Bernard Roper at (336) 713-7714.

HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENT SUPPORT

Preceptor to Clinical Teaching Associate Program (CTAs) -- In order to combat the nursing staff and nursing faculty shortage in Forsyth County, Northwest AHEC invited Forsyth Medical Center and North Carolina Baptist Hospital, and the two local nursing-education programs at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) and Forsyth Technical Community College (FTCC) to develop a collaborative program to formally train acute care nursing staff to become adjunct clinical faculty. This program has expanded the clinical training capacity of the two nursing programs so they can collectively add 210 nursing students each year. Since the program began in 2003, a total of **178** CTAs have completed the program. To learn more about the CTA Program, please contact Ms. Phyllis Horton at (336) 713-7713.

Medical/Physician Assistant Students— Many medical and physician assistant students rotate with local physicians in Forsyth County who bring students with them to see patients in their hospital. Overnight student accommodations are available if needed for all students. The NW AHEC Office of Regional Primary Care Education (ORPCE) provides administrative and financial support for these preceptors and students with their rotations in community settings. A total of **287** students rotated in Forsyth County for a total of **1,125** student weeks for this past fiscal year. Some communities have begun to use these student rotation opportunities to develop a community relationship with these students and begin to recruit their interest of potential placement when they have completed their formal health careers degrees. Interested physicians should contact Ms. Angela Hodges at (336) 713-7717.

CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Northwest AHEC CE activities are marketed to healthcare professionals of Forsyth County. During this past fiscal year, **3,306** healthcare professionals registered **19,118** times for NW AHEC CE activities. More information about CE activities can be found on our website: northwestahec.org or by contacting Ms. Marie Simos at (336) 713-7721.

Nursing Management Institute— The Nursing Management Institute (NMI), an online management curriculum for new or aspiring nurse managers, created and offered by the NW AHEC in partnership with Greensboro AHEC, reported **one** enrollment from Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. NMI is just one of several online courses available. More information about CE activities can be found on our website: northwestahec.org or by contacting Ms. Ellen Kesler at (704) 210-5068.

Community Health Partnerships— Northwest AHEC provides technical assistance, consultation, and training to health coalitions in the region to support their efforts for local health improvement. Many of the current coalitions which Northwest AHEC supports are members of North Carolina's Healthy Carolinians Program. NW AHEC co-sponsors, with the Northwest Office of Healthy Carolinians Consultant, quarterly meetings of the Coalition Coordinators' Network (CCN). Topics this past fiscal year were: *Charting a New Course for Chronic Illness Care in Your Community*, *African-American Churches Eating Smart and Moving More*, and *Health Literacy*. Forsyth County has a well-established Healthy Carolinians group who was represented by **ten** attendees during the CCN meetings. Community Health Partnership staff also played an active role on the planning committee for the 2008 Forsyth County Health Summit. For more information about this service, go to our website northwestahec.org or contact Ellen Kesler at (704) 210-5068.

RN Refresher Program— Northwest AHEC also offers the RN Refresher Program to nurses who want to reinstate their license or update their skills. The curriculum consists of didactic learning and a clinical practicum. Students engage in their clinical practicum at a variety of hospitals in the Northwest AHEC region with which we have contracts. Forsyth Medical Center, North Carolina Baptist Hospital and Salemtowne are the three RN Refresher clinical practicum sites in Forsyth County. **Eight** students at FMC, **eighteen** students from NCBH and **one** student from Salemtowne were enrolled in the clinical practicum during the past fiscal year. Most institutions providing the clinical rotations for these students use the opportunity to recruit them for employment once students have successfully completed the program and have earned their RN credentials. If interested, health care organizations should contact Ms. Kay Herr at (336) 713-7720 to learn more about potential opportunities.

INFORMATION & LIBRARY SERVICES

Forsyth Medical Center was previously a member of NW AHEC Information and Library Services. More information about library services can be found at our website –northwestahec.org or by contacting Ms. Nancy Stine at (704) 210-5587.