HEALTH CAREERS, DIVERSITY & RECRUITMENT

- Northwest AHEC (NW AHEC) offers highly interactive health careers awareness programs (30-45 minutes per program) in schools for grades K-8 and structured programs for grades 9-12 (20 hours or more). Activities for the current and past three fiscal years are listed below for Alleghany County:

Grades K-8—A total of 375 students from Alleghany County participated in nine health careers’ presentations as follows:

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- **Puppet Bunch** - designed for grades K-2; uses multi-ethnic puppets, a video, and a coloring book to teach young children about three health careers
- **CATCH** (Catch A Totally Cool Health career) - designed for grades 3-5; provides information about more than 10 health careers
- **Cool People, Cool Careers** - designed for grades 6-8; provides information about more than 10 health careers

Health Careers Awareness Programs Trend in Alleghany County

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<td># Students</td>
<td>300</td>
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Grades 9-12—

- **NC AHEC annual Future Leaders in Health Care Conference** – an educational conference for high school students statewide to learn more about health occupations as well as learn more about post-secondary programs oriented toward careers in health. No students participated from Alleghany County in FY09.
- **Camp Med Alleghany County** – partnership between Alleghany County Schools and Alleghany Memorial Hospital (AMH) and Appalachian District Health; NW AHEC provides $1,500 in support program; Eleven students participated from Alleghany County; NW AHEC makes this offer each fall for the upcoming summer.
- **Project SEARCH Academy** (Student Education, Awareness and Recruitment for Careers in Health) - a one week, residential summer camp on Wake Forest University campus during which rising eighth grade students are exposed to a variety of health science presentations, Problem-Based Learning, and take medical center tours. No students participated from Alleghany County.
- Information about other Northwest AHEC youth programs can be found by going to our website: northwestahec.org or by contacting Mr. Bernard Roper at (336) 713-7714 or broper@wfubmc.edu

HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENT SUPPORT

- Many medical and physician assistant students rotate with local precepting physicians and accompany them to see patients where the physicians have practicing privileges.
• 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.
• Some communities use these student rotation opportunities to develop relationships with the students for potential future placement upon degree completion. Detailed student rotation information is provided on a quarterly basis to Mr. Ralph A. Castillo, CEO of Alleghany Memorial Hospital.
• Physicians interested in becoming preceptors should contact Ms. Angela Hodges at (336) 713-7717 or ahodges@wfubmc.edu

### Health Sciences Student Rotations in Alleghany County

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<td># Students in rotation</td>
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Student week: can be 1 student for 1 week; 4 student weeks can be 1 student for 4 weeks or 4 students for 1 week each, etc.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

• Northwest AHEC CE activities are marketed to healthcare professionals of Alleghany County.
• More information about CE activities can be found on our website: northwestahec.org or by contacting Ms. Marie Simos at (336) 713-7721 or msimos@wfubmc.edu

### Alleghany County Healthcare Professionals’ CE Activity

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### Nurse Educator Institute

• The Nurse Educator Institute (NEI) is a 60-contact hour competency-based curriculum that includes four online learning modules and meets specific NCBON 2010 requirements.
• Enrolled 0 in Alleghany County in FY09
• More information can be found on our website: northwestahec.org or by contacting Ms. Phyllis Horton at (336) 713-7713 or phorton@wfubmc.edu

### Nursing Management Institute

• 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
• Enrolled 0 in Alleghany County in FY09
• More information can be found on our website: northwestahec.org or by contacting Ms. Phyllis Horton at (336) 713-7713 or phorton@wfubmc.edu

### Community Health Partnerships

• NW 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 NW 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). This year’s topics were: State of the County Health (SOTCH) Reporting, Mental Health Issues in NC, and NC Public Health Academy.
• For more information about this service, go to our website: northwestahec.org or contact Ms. Ellen Kesler at (704) 210-5068 or ekesler@wfubmc.edu

### RN Refresher Program

• NW AHEC offers the RN Refresher Program to nurses who want to reinstate their licenses or want to update their skills.
• Curriculum consists of a didactic component and a clinical practicum.
• Students engage in their clinical practicum at a variety of hospitals in the NW AHEC region.
• Most institutions providing clinical rotations for these students use the opportunity to recruit them for employment upon program completion and having earned their RN credentials.
• There are no contracts in place in Alleghany County; therefore, no students were enrolled in the RN Refresher clinical practicum during the past fiscal year.
• Interested health care organizations should contact Ms. Kay Herr at (336) 713-7720 or kherr@wfubmc.edu
INFORMATION & LIBRARY SERVICES

- There are no institutional or individual members of the NW AHEC Information and Library Services in Alleghany County.
- More information about these services can be found at the Northwest AHEC website: northwestahec.org or by contacting Ms. Nancy Stine at (704) 210-5587 or nstine@wfubmc.edu