Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Summary of Partnership
July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

HEALTH CAREERS, DIVERSITY & RECRUITMENT

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. **Two** students participated from **Rowan** County in **FY15**.
- **Camp Med Rowan County** – Partnership: Novant Health Rowan Medical Center, Rowan Salisbury School System and Northwest AHEC. Coordinated and hosted by Novant Health Rowan Regional Medical Center, **21** students participated in **FY15**. Northwest AHEC provides $1,500 in support program for each program and 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 the Wake Forest University campus; ***rising 8th grade students*** participated in a college level Biology Lab taught by a WFU professor; ***rising 9th grade student*** participated in a college level Chemistry Lab taught by a WFU professor; all students were exposed to a variety of health science presentations, explored Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center facilities, engaged in interactive hands-on labs and received high school course selection advice from a school counselor. **Three** students participated from **Rowan** County.
- Information about other Northwest AHEC youth programs can be found by going to our website: **northwestahec.org** or by contacting Ms. Melanee Mills at (336) 713-7714 or mgmills@WakeHealth.edu

HEALTH SCIENCE STUDENT SUPPORT

Medical/Physician Assistant Students

- 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 Northwest 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. Physicians interested in becoming preceptors should contact Ms. Angela Hodges at (336) 713-7717 or ahodges@WakeHealth.edu

Health Science Student Rotations in Rowan County

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
# Students in rotation	27	41	49	48
# Students weeks	74	121	192	149

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 ACTVITIES & SERVICES

- Northwest AHEC CE activities are marketed to healthcare professionals of **Veterans Affairs Medical Center**.
- More information about CE activities can be found on our website: **northwestahec.org** or by contacting Ms. Marie Simos at (336) 713-7721or msimos@WakeHealth.edu

Veterans Affairs Medical Center Healthcare Professionals' CE Activity

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
# Unique registrants	125	193	212	275
# Registrations	259	461	585	1,032

- Listed below is a summary of Grand Rounds and other activities, accredited by the Office of Continuing Medical Education of Wake Forest School of Medicine, conducted at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Type	Number of Activities	Number of Participants
Grand Rounds	1	84
M&M	1	171

Nursing Management Institute

- Nursing Management Institute (NMI) - an online management curriculum for new or aspiring nurse managers
- Created and offered by the Northwest AHEC in partnership with Greensboro AHEC
- Total program enrollment for **FY15** was **72.**
- More information can be found on our website: **northwestahec.org** or by contacting Ms. Mona Ketner at (336) 713-7730 or mketner@WakeHealth.edu

Community Health Partnerships

- Northwest AHEC's Community Health Partnerships program was initiated to enhance the work of health coalitions in our region and to link them with the resources of the NC AHEC system. Since 2000, we have co-sponsored, with the Regional NC DHHS Healthy Carolinians/Health Education Consultant, meetings of the Coalition Coordinators' Network, a networking and education venue for those involved with coalition work. Although state funding was eliminated for the county's Healthy Carolinians' consultant positions, many local counties used local or grant funds to continue; therefore, Northwest AHEC continued our support of the Northwest AHEC Coalition Coordinators' Network.
- During the past year, educational topics have included program evaluation, Mental Health First Aid, and resources available from the Care Share Health Alliance. We also continued to utilize a listserv which was established for the CCN to facilitate networking and idea sharing.
- For more information about this service, go to our website: **northwestahec.org** or contact Ms. Ellen Kesler at (336) 713-7712 or ekesler@WakeHealth.edu

UNC Chapel Hill RN Refresher Program

- Northwest AHEC offers the UNC Chapel Hill 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 Northwest 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. Rowan Regional Medical Center was the clinical site for **FY15**.
- Interested health care organizations should contact Ms. Kay Herr at (336) 713-7720 or kherr@WakeHealth.edu

UNC Chapel Hill RN Refresher Clinical Practicum Placements in Rowan County

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
# RN Refresher students	1	0	0	0

Quality Improvement/Regional Extension Center

- In **FY15**, a total of **96** practices were enrolled and of those, **12** are from **Rowan**. The practices are:

Novant - Carolina Women's Health Associates	Novant - Rowan Family Physicians
Novant - Farrington Family Medical Center	Novant - Salisbury Medical
Novant - Farrington Family Medical Center Faith	Piedmont Family Medicine
Novant - Granite Quarry	Salisbury Pediatric Associates
Novant - Piedmont Women's Healthcare	Troyer Medical
Novant - Rowan Family Physicians	Yatawara Gynecology, Wellness, and Aesthetics

- For more information about how Northwest AHEC's Regional Extension Center can help you, contact Mr. Chris Jones at (336) 713-7039 or cjones@WakeHealth.edu or please go to www.ncahecrec.net

INFORMATION & LIBRARY SERVICES

- Veterans Affairs Medical Center is a member of NW AHEC Information and Library Services.

	7/1/11-6/30/12	7/1/12-6/30/13	7/1/13-6/30/14	7/1/14-6/30/15
Document Delivery Requests[1]	40	305	250	152
ADL[2] Registered Users	59	35	29	30
ADL Users who logged into the ADL	20	15	7	28
Total Number of ADL logins	299	155	88	2899
Number of Site Visits[3]	9	10	3	3
Number of Search Requests	1	1	0	0
Number of Consults[4]	195	263	192	192

1--Materials checked out from library collection; items from library collection which have been used and re-shelved; photocopies made by library staff from library collection; and documents borrowed from a library outside of the Northwest AHEC Library system.
2 -- AHEC Digital Library
3 -- Site visits are meetings with Northwest AHEC institutional members for education, administration, promotion or consult purposes which are located away from WFSM, Catawba Valley Medical Center, and Watauga Medical Center.
4 -- Consults include telephone, email or in person; include number of consultations to preceptor sites; categories of assistance can range from various types of technology assists to accreditation preparation, collection development, and training library contacts.
OR = orientation
EC = educational class

FY15 Search Request Details

- There were no search requests.

- Information about these services can be found at the Northwest AHEC website: **northwestahec.org** or by contacting Ms. Karen Martinez at (828) 326-3482 or martinez@WakeHealth.edu.