Wilkes County Health Department
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. **No** students participated from **Wilkes** County in **FY15**.
- **Camp Med Wilkes County** – Partnership: Wilkes Regional Medical Center and Northwest AHEC. Coordinated and hosted by Wilkes Regional Medical Center where **21** students participated from **Wilkes** County. 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. **No** students participated from **Wilkes** 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 Wilkes County

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
# Students in rotation	18	23	16	16
# Students weeks	53	82	44	45

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 **Wilkes County Health Department**.
- 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

Wilkes County Health Department Healthcare Professionals' CE Activity

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
# Unique registrants	41	25	23	17
# Registrations	82	49	35	21

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.
- There are **no** contracts in place in **Wilkes** County; therefore, there were **no** students enrolled in the clinical practicum during **FY15**.
- Interested health care organizations should contact Ms. Kay Herr at (336) 713-7720 or kherr@WakeHealth.edu

Quality Improvement/Regional Extension Center

- In **FY15**, a total of **96** practices were enrolled and of those, **one** is from Wilkes. The practice is Mountain View Medical Center.

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- 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

- Wilkes Regional Medical Center (WRMC) is a member of Northwest AHEC Information and Library Services.

- 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.