Caldwell County
Summary of Partnership
July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

HEALTH CAREERS and WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

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 **Caldwell** County in **FY16**.
- **Camp Med Caldwell County** – Partnership: Caldwell Memorial Hospital UNC Health Care, Caldwell County Schools and Northwest AHEC. Coordinated and hosted by Caldwell Memorial Hospital UNC Health Care where **20** students participated from **Caldwell** 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 9th grade students*** participated in college level Biology and Chemistry Labs taught by a WFU professor; ***rising 10th grade students*** 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 **Caldwell** 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.

STUDENT AND PRECEPTOR 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 Student and Preceptor Support 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 Caldwell County

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
# Students in rotation	19	16	12	20
# Students weeks	45	31	23	50

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 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

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

Caldwell County Healthcare Professionals' CPD Activity

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
# Unique registrants	85	107	62	92
# Registrations	158	141	117	127

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 **FY16** was **249.**
- 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 (CCN), 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 Evidence-based information resources to support public health, resources for consumer health information, FaithHealth: Supporters of Health, a partnership among faith communities, health systems and other providers to train and develop Community Health Advocates (CHA), and Progress on Healthy 2020 Objectives. 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. Caldwell Memorial Hospital UNC Health Care has been a clinical site during the past two fiscal years. However, there were **no** placements for **FY16**.
- 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 Caldwell County

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
# RN Refresher students	3	0	0	0

PRACTICE SUPPORT SERVICES

- In FY16, Northwest AHEC Practice Support Services coached practices in a variety of quality improvement programs including, but not limited to, AHRQ Heart Health Now, Meaningful Use Stage 2, and NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home transformation. The NWAHEC Practice Support Team coached a total of **117** practices throughout our seventeen-county region. **Three** of these practices were in Caldwell county.

Health Professionals Assisted by Northwest AHEC Practice Support in Caldwell County
Caldwell County Health Department
Collettsville Medical Center
Happy Valley Medical Center

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

LIBRARY SERVICES

- Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute is a member of NW AHEC 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.