

# AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS PROGRAM (AHEC)

## What are they?

Area Health Education Centers Program (AHECs) provide a variety of educational opportunities for health practitioners and health science students of all types. There are nine regional centers, each of which has partnerships with area medical schools and other health organizations. All of the centers are non-profit and community based, and are either affiliated with a non-profit hospital or governed by a non-profit board of directors.

Some AHECs operate clinics that are open to all patients regardless of ability to pay. These clinics are offered as part of the AHEC training and education programs.

## Who are they for?

Although many AHEC educational programs are targeted to health professionals, the clinics are available to anyone living in the community.

## SERVICES

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The AHEC program operates several clinics as part of the primary care residency programs. The residency programs, and the services provided, include family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, and general surgery. Some of the centers also offer specialty care.

## CLINIC LOCATIONS

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The AHEC locations are listed in Appendix B. Contact the AHEC to find out if they operate primary care residency programs or specialty care in your area.

## SOURCES OF LAW

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State Law:	AHEC is included in the annual appropriations bill. See, e.g., Chapter 126 of the 2002 Session Laws.
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